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Charging up

Black protesters raise their fists as Winnie Mandela (inset) asks them who were in the ANC during a rally of several thousand people in Johannesburg's Alexandra township. The rally was the first after South African President F.W. de Klerk unbanned the African National Congress. (Reuter wirephoto)

Water is thicker than feud

KUWAIT, Feb 4, (AP): Iraq and Syria were reported today to have put aside their long-standing feud by holding meetings to discuss Turkey's cutoff of the Euphrates River.

A local Arabic daily, quoting Arab diplomatic sources, said Iraqi and Syrian officials held four meetings in Baghdad and Damascus over the past two weeks to "co-ordinate" their response.

The sources, who were not further identified, were quoted as saying the meetings represented "a positive development" for the future of relations between the two Arab countries.

The identities of government rank of the officials were not disclosed. There was no immediate official reaction to the Kuwaiti report from either Iraq or Syria.

But an Arab diplomat in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Deputy Foreign Minister Nizar Hamdun was in Damascus during the third week of January to discuss the issue.

Turkey diverted much of the Euphrates water for a month, beginning Jan 13, to fill the reservoir at the Ataturk Dam.

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Weather

CLOUDY weather continues with moderate northerly to northeasterly wind.
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High water: 8.00 am, 9.00 pm
Low water: 12.00 noon, 12.00 mn
Sunrise: 6.36 am
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Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 13°C 55°F
Ahmadi: 13°C 55°F
Faiqah: 13°C 55°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 6°C 43°F
Ahmadi: 8°C 47°F
Faiqah: 10°C 50°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 14°C 57°F
Ahmadi: 13°C 55°F
Faiqah: 13°C 55°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 88 per cent
Ahmadi: 80 per cent
Faiqah: 90 per cent

Mandela release Obstacles remain

PAARL, South Africa, Feb 4, (UPI): The wife of jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela said today "obstacles" still stood in the way of her husband's release from life imprisonment, including President Frederik De Klerk's failure to lift a 43-month-old state of emergency in its entirety.

"The obstacles still exist and it is Mr De Klerk who must remove these obstacles," Winnie Mandela said after a five-hour visit to the African National Congress leaders at the Victor Verster Prison in the scenic Cape wine-growing region of Paarl.

She said her husband was drafting a statement in response to De Klerk's address to Parliament on Friday and his racial reform initiatives. But it was unclear where or how it would be distributed.

De Klerk has accepted an invitation to visit British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher later this year, his office said today. (See Page 5)

Strike disrupts life in Kashmir

Bomb, arson attacks

Srinagar, Feb 4, (UPI): A strike called by Muslim separatists today paralysed life across strife-torn Kashmir for a second day amid scattered bomb and arson attacks by pro-secession militants that caused damage but no injuries, police and witnesses said.

Curfews since Jan 20 in Srinagar and other major Kashmiri towns were relaxed for 12 hours beginning at 5 am but because of the strike, streets remained largely deserted of traffic and people. Most shops stayed closed.

The strike was called by underground Muslim separatist groups to coincide with a "solidarity week" of rallies and processions that began on Friday in Pakistan, sponsored by the Islamabad government, in support of the independence movement in India's side of Kashmir.

In Srinagar, police and witnesses said a powerful bomb planted by radicals exploded inside a bus at about 8 am, just minutes after about 30 passengers disembarked following its arrival in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, north of New Delhi.

The blast completely destroyed the vehicle and damaged several shops, but there were no injuries, according to Deputy Police Inspector General S.S. Ali.

Ali also confirmed witness reports that militants buried two hand grenades at paramilitary Central Reserve Police officers in downtown Srinagar.

The officer said a militant bomb damaged a state bank in the Kashmir valley town of Pariwan, but also caused no casualties.

A spokesman for the Srinagar fire department said that radicals last night set ablaze a state secondary school in the city's Nawakadal area. The school was completely destroyed, he said.

Tens of thousands of police and paramilitary troops were deployed in the Kashmir valley, the region's main population centre, after security forces searched on Jan 20 ignited widespread protests that were dispersed by gunfire.

Qatar warns against self-declared UK principality

DOHA, Feb 4, (AP): The Interior Ministry issued a warning yesterday to its inhabitants against advertisements for citizenship in a self-declared British "principality" to gain privileges of citizenship in the European Common Market.

The reference was to "Rough's Tower," a gun platform seven miles (11 kms) off the British coast near Harwich, which was seized by a group of individuals, occupied and declared "the Principality of Sealand," according to British embassy files.



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Amir to visit Oman; Alawi in Gulf talks

Halt Jewish flow, Kuwait urges

KUWAIT, Feb 4, (Agencies): The government called on the Soviet Union today to take urgent measures to halt the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, describing the process as a "flagrant aggression" against the Arabs.

A statement issued after the weekly cabinet session chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, reminded Moscow of its close links with the Arab world.

It said failure to stem the emigration flow would cast doubt on the credibility of "the concerned parties" seeking to promote a Middle East settlement. These include the Soviet Union.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last month he expected some 300,000 Soviet Jews to settle in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip over the next few years.

"The Kuwaiti government followed

with extreme concern the news of intensive emigration of Soviet Jews to the occupied Arab territories, considering it a direct encouragement to the expansionist policies of the Israeli leadership and Zionist settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip," said Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed.

HH the Amir of Kuwait will pay an official visit to Muscat Feb 10-12 at the invitation of Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

■ Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youseff Bin Alawi today handed President Saddam Hussein of Iraq a message on Gulf peace from Sultan Qaboos, the Iraqi News Agency said.

Diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Alawi was exploring the possibility of mediation in stalled peace talks between Iraq and Iran by the Gulf Co-operation Council.

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Hand-to-hand fight

Aoun claims capture of vital town as battle escalates

BEIRUT, Feb 4, (Agencies): Rival Christian forces battled with tanks in burning East Beirut and were locked in hand-to-hand combat for a key coastal town today as a savage six-day-old showdown for control of Lebanon's Christian enclave escalated.

Rebel Gen. Michel Aoun's headquarters claimed his forces captured the town of Dibayeh, five miles (eight kms) north of Beirut from the Lebanese Forces militia, while his troops were assaulted by the paratroopers and forced them to retreat after hand-to-hand battles with bayonets and daggers.

"What happened today in Dibayeh is a turning point ... the attackers retreated," he said on Voice of Lebanon radio.

A Reuter correspondent at the scene said: "I can see burned and abandoned military vehicles on the highway. There is smoke rising from Lebanese barracks. Most buildings along the roads have been hit. Some have been turned black by flames and smoke."

He said it was then still unclear who had gained the upper hand.

Aoun's Channel 5 television station broadcast film showing paratroopers occupying what it said was the Lebanese Forces base in Dibayeh and a nearby training camp.

The soldiers were shown inspecting dozens of smashed jeeps and armoured personnel carriers bearing the Lebanese Forces insignia in the town, which has a makeshift harbour.

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Girl, 16, receives artificial lung

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb 4, (Reuters): A 16-year-old girl who was struggling for breath because of badly damaged lungs had a temporary artificial lung implanted into her body in the first operation of its kind, officials and medical sources said yesterday.

A spokesman for LDS (Latter Day Saints) Hospital confirmed that a two-hour lung transplant operation was performed there on Friday and said the patient was in critical condition.

The spokesman, Richard Nash, however, would not identify the patient and would not reveal any more information on the patient's condition. However, sources said the patient was a 16-year-old girl with breathing problems.

The device, called the Intravascular Oxygenator (Ivox), is a bundle of hollow tubes or fibres through which oxygen is pumped into the blood.

It was inserted into the patient's vena cava, a large vein which brings blood to the heart, Nash said. Small tubes from the body feed in the oxygen.

"The Ivox is designed to bide time and to create a climate in which the lung can heal itself," Nash said. "It handles the equivalent of about half a person's normal breathing capacity, giving a boost to patients suffering from respiratory problems."

The operation — in the city where Dr Barney Clark, a dentist, became the first person to receive a permanent artificial heart seven years ago — was performed by cardiovascular surgeon Roger Millar. The hospital is one of only four in the United States allowed to take part in clinical trials of the device.

The chief developer of Ivox is Dr J.D. Mortensen, a Utah surgeon who retired from practice 10 years ago to develop his device.

Dr Terry Clemmer, a principal investigator for the Ivox device, said at a hospital news conference yesterday the device could not be considered a complete artificial lung.

20,000 file nomination for state polls in India

From Thomas Abraham
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Feb 4: The curtain dropped on the first phase of this month's crucial assembly elections in eight Indian states and one union territory when filing of nominations drew to a close yesterday.

Preliminary information reaching the capital showed that more than 20,000 candidates had filed their papers for the elections on Feb 27. Nomina-

tions also closed yesterday for the by-elections to two Lok Sabha and 10 assembly seats. Polling will also be held simultaneously for three Lok Sabha and seven assembly constituencies, where elections had been countermanded during the November general elections.

The Congress (I), which was ousted from power at the centre in the last general elections, is currently ruling in all the eight states and the union

territory of Puducherry going to the polls. The party is going it alone this time, with only some minor adjustments with other parties for some seats.

Though filing of nominations has ended, a clear picture of the final contest failed to emerge with the Janata Dal and the Bharatiya Janata Party still carrying on negotiations for seat adjustments in Bihar and Gujarat. In Gujarat, talks between the two parties ran into some trouble with both claim-

ing the lion's share of the seats at stake on the strength of their performance in the general elections.

The BJP and the Janata Dal have reached an understanding on seat adjustments in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. In Rajasthan, the agreement between the two is to fight 80 seats each out of the 200 seats and continue talks for the remaining 40 seats. The Janata Dal has also reached an understanding with the

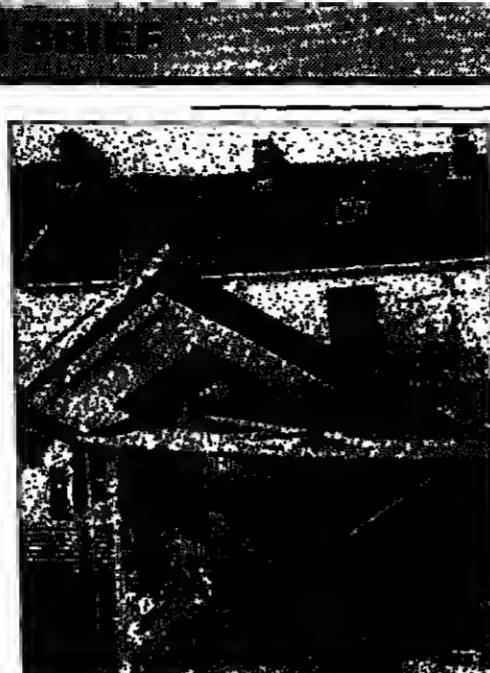
leftist parties in Orissa and Maharashtra, where it has no arrangement with the BJP. Like the November elections, the effort of the National Front and its allies is to put up a united front against the Congress this time also.

Among the prominent candidates who have filed their nominations are Sharad Pawar (Maharashtra), Virbhadra Singh (Himachal Pradesh), Madhavsinh Solanki (Gujarat),

M.O.H. Farooq (Pondicherry), Om Prakash Chautala (Haryana) and Gengong Apang (Arunachal Pradesh).

More than 215 million voters are eligible to cast their votes in Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Pondicherry.

Counting of votes will begin on Feb 28 and the first results are expected to be known by evening.



Storm kills 19

Hoarding lay strewn on the ground in the western town of Nantes, following a violent storm which hit northern France. Nineteen people were killed, mostly in Paris and the West in the storm which raged for several hours. (Reuter wirephoto)

can have in the other's country, the British Foreign Office said.

Under the deal announced Friday, the present limit of 205 each will remain for the time being but a Foreign Office statement added: "We have now agreed to work toward a state of relations where limitations will no longer be necessary."

Poster grim reminder of Sinn Fein: At the Sinn Fein Party conference, the photo on the wall of 20-year-old James Connolly offered a grim reminder that so many who join the Irish Republican Army may end up in a cell or a cemetery.

Connolly was blown up last January by a bomb he was planting. Next to the sombre black and white poster of the dead young bomber was a picture of Gerry Casey.

Diplomat dispute resolved: Britain and the Soviet Union have resolved a dispute over the number of diplomats and other representatives each

Criminal charges against Moros

COTABATO, Philippines, Feb 4, (Agencies): The military announced yesterday it has filed criminal charges against Muslim rebels believed responsible for last week's attack on predominantly Christian villages that killed eight people and drove thousands from their homes.

Charges of multiple murder, rebellion, kidnapping, robbery, cattle rustling and rape were filed on Friday against leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said army regional commander Brig. Gen. Orlando Soriano.

A court judge immediately issued arrest warrants for Hashim Badwi, vice chief of staff of the Moro Front, and 10 other local commanders following the filing of the charges, Soriano said.

The military also has put up a 150,000-peso (\$6,650) for Hashim's arrest, he added.

On Jan 28, suspected Muslim rebels simultaneously attacked several villages on the outskirts of Pikit town in north Cotabato province, about 40 kilometres (30 miles) east of this city and about 890 kilometres (555 miles) southeast of Manila.

Village defenders and government reinforcements turned back attackers after several sporadic clashes that lasted for two days and left eight people dead and more than 24,000 fleeing in Pikit and two adjoining towns fleeing their homes.

More than 500 houses were razed and about 1,000 cattle were lost during the attack.

In an interview last week, Hashim denied that his group was responsible for the attack, saying it was launched by an independent group of "aggrieved Muslims who want justice."

At least 29 people have been killed in weekend fighting between separatist Muslim rebels and government troops in southern Philippines, the military said.

Brig. Gen. Gumecindo Yap, army battalion commander, said troops have flushed out 500 Muslim rebels who attacked eight villages in the town of Pikit, north Cotabato, 500 miles (800 km) south of Manila starting Jan 26.

The military office of civil defence said 29 people have been killed, two were injured and five others were missing and may have been kidnapped by the rebels. It said the fighting also forced the evacuation of 42,411 people.

The Philippine military today raised the reward for the capture of coup leader Gregorio Honasan to five million pesos (\$327,572) amid threats that a new rebellion may be brewing.

Honasan and some 1,000 mutineers still at large are believed responsible for the coup attempt that almost toppled the four-year government of Corazon Aquino in December.

Police said a 300-man elite police force was being trained in case the threats proved true.

The bounty for Honasan, the highest ever offered in the Philippines for the capture of a single fugitive, was a sharp increase over the one million peso (\$47,600) reward offered last month for the arrest of either Honasan or any of five other top mutineers.

One of the six, police Brig. Gen. Edgardo Abesina, was captured Jan 23, the military said a reward was paid after Abesina's capture but declined to identify the recipient for his own protection.

National police chief Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano said the additional bounty money was raised by businessmen who feared a new coup attempt would ruin the economy still reeling from the impact of the Dec 1-9 rebellion.

India offers to train Lankans

Worst is over: Premadasa

COLOMBO, Feb 4, (Reuters): India has proposed in a draft friendship treaty with Sri Lanka that it provide training and arms for Colombo's security forces, the independent Sunday Times newspaper reported.

"The government of India in a spirit of friendship and co-operation will provide training facilities and military supplies for Sri Lankan security forces at the request of the government of Sri Lanka," the newspaper quoted a draft treaty by India as saying.

But a draft provided by Sri Lanka, also published in the newspaper, did not contain this provision.

Military sources said that at present Sri Lankan security personnel received training in India and Pakistan. Arms and ammunition are mainly purchased from China and the West.

Officials of both countries are now studying the drafts, which will be made into a joint treaty to be signed soon. It will replace a 1987 accord between the two countries.

The Sunday Times, giving details of the drafts for the first time in the local press, quoted the Indian draft as saying that "each contracting party will respect the independence, unity, sovereign and territorial integrity of the other and refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the other."

The Sri Lankan draft said both countries would agree that each country will not permit its territory to be used by any person to commit terrorist activities or to advocate separation in the other.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa, celebrating the 42nd anniversary of his troubled nation's independence, said today the worst was over and peace and prosperity lie ahead.

But the top opposition leader, former prime minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, scathingly questioned what there was to celebrate.

"When our country has earned the reputation of being one where crime and violence have reached barbaric proportions, can anyone other than those in power celebrate independence?" Mrs Bandaranaike asked in a statement published in Sri Lankan newspapers today.

Premadasa, speaking at Colombo's Independence Square, conceded 1989 was a "trying period." But in his anniversary message to the nation, he said: "Our people have clearly indicated they will never allow intimidation, bloodletting and violence to destroy democracy."

When fear of death looms large in the minds of many people, when thousands have died by the roadside with bodies of youths being burnt or left mutilated and hundreds of corpses float down rivers, who can celebrate independence?" the leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party asked in her published statement.

Premadasa, who was greeted by singing girls and a 25-gun salute at Independence Square, asserted that his government had achieved success in resolving Sri Lanka's tangled conflicts.

Meanwhile, a bomb exploded in a graveyard in Trincomalee in the east as the government-appointed governor of the northeast province, Nalin Senanayake, hoisted the national flag in a nearby area.

No one was injured in the blast. The ceremony was watched by Sri Lankan and Indian soldiers.



Premadasa speaks during an Independence Day address in Colombo. (Reuter wirephoto)

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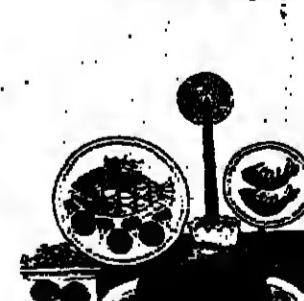
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Rushdie defends 'Satanic Verses'

Admits causing Muslims pain

LONDON, Feb 4. (AP): Author Salman Rushdie defended his controversial novel "The Satanic Verses" in an essay published in a Sunday newspaper, and admitted that it has caused Muslims pain.

The 7,000 word essay is Rushdie's first defence of the book since the late Ayatollah Khomeini's Feb 14, 1989, edict calling for Rushdie's death for blaspheming Islam with the world. Since then Rushdie has been in hiding.

"I should like to ask Muslims — that great mass of inappropriate, to be described as some sort of a heretic after having lived my life as a secular, pluralist, eclectic man," wrote Rushdie, 42.

"I do not accept the charge of blasphemy, because as somebody says in *The Satanic Verses*, where there is no belief, there is no blasphemy," Rushdie wrote. He said the essay was: "The hardest piece of writing I've ever done."

In *The Independent* today, literary editor Blake Morrison reported that Rushdie looked "healthy and relaxed" when they met Wednesday at an undisclosed location in England.

Morrison wrote that Rushdie had overcome earlier problems wrong while living under the protection of Scotland Yard and had almost finished a children's book. Morrison said Rushdie missed doing ordinary things like going to films and bookshops.

"He's coping terrifically well, but let's not pretend, he's obviously been under appalling strain as any of us would be," Morrison told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Rushdie wrote in the essay, entitled, "In Good Faith," that he regrets that offence has been taken, but added that it is now too late to change the text.

"I recognise that many Muslims have felt shocked and pained, too. Perhaps a way forward might be found through the mutual recognition of that mutual pain," he wrote in the essay.

In the Sunday edition of *The Independent*, editor Stephen Glover said the piece was intended to defuse tensions.

"I don't think he is apologising for the book, but I think that he is trying to explain, particularly to the Muslim community in this country, that no blasphemy was intended. It was after all a work of fiction and not a work of fact," Glover said in an interview with London Broadcasting Corp. radio.

In an editorial article *The Independent* today reported that Rushdie would not object to a prefatory note to a paperback edition explaining that "The Satanic Verses" is fiction.

The newspaper reported that Rushdie was considering translating the essay, published today into the various languages of the Muslim community.



Salman Rushdie shown here holding his book 'The Satanic Verses'. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fear in hiding

'Damage is huge'

NEW YORK, Feb 4. (AP): Author Salman Rushdie said nearly a year in hiding has been lonely, with the only company "people with guns" — his protectors.

Rushdie went into hiding last Feb 14 after the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran condemned him to death for his book, "The Satanic Verses," which many Muslims believe blasphemous Islam.

In a telephone interview with *Newsweek* magazine, he said he was originally asked to extend his seclusion to last more than a couple of weeks.

The interview is to appear in *Newsweek's* Feb 12 issue, available on newsstands tomorrow.

"It was only gradually that I began to feel that the damage that had been done was so huge that it was going to take an awful lot of undoing," Rushdie said. "I think one of the problems of unleashing this quantity of hatred is that it's very difficult to put it back in the box."

Rushdie, living under the protection of Scotland Yard, said he fled with just the clothes on his back, though he has since received books and personal belongings.

Rushdie has written book reviews but says that for three months he wrote little else except for some poems and a journal. He then began writing a previously planned fable for children.

Rushdie said he's lucky to be accustomed to spending long periods alone and spends most of his days working. He said he misses things like grocery shopping and going to movies.

"I find myself watching a lot of bad television and videos," he said. "And that's about it, except that instead of being entirely by myself, I've got a number of guests around. People with guns."

He's learned to "become chatty on the telephone," noting that he can choose whom he calls — though the chosen often need to be convinced it's really him.

Rushdie said his wife, American novelist Marianne Wiggins, who left their hiding place in July, "has actually taken more of the weight of this than any other human being, and in many ways still is."

Friends calls the separation a "mutual breakup." Ms Wiggins publishers say only that she wants to be left alone and does not know where Rushdie now lives.

Rushdie said he feels a paperback edition of "The Satanic Verses" should be issued. "I see this as an innocent book, wrongly accused and much persecuted," he said.

He also said he has no intention of trying to change his identity.

"I simply will not accept that this is going to be the rest of my life — I have to remain an optimist in the sense of believing that solutions are possible."



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Bradford phone book

Causing a stir

LONDON, Feb 4. (AP): A telephone directory is causing a bit of a stir in northern England.

The cover painting for the Bradford City directory was done by famed contemporary artist David Hockney, a Bradford native who now lives in Los Angeles.

Hockney fans are delighted with his colourful, childlike painting of the Yorkshire City of 460,000. But some Bradfordians prefer the previous edition's picture-postcard views of cathedral, castle and surrounding moors and they have been venting their irritation to letters to the press.

"The letters are all of the same ilk ... 'my grandchild could do a similar job,'" said Malcolm Hoddy, editor of the *West Yorkshire Telegraph and Argus*.

Vera G. Taylor wrote: "What an insult to print this outrageous piece of so-called art on our telephone directory."

"Who do they think they are kidding?" 90-year-old.

"I have seen better drawings in our local first schools."

Hoddy admits he wouldn't recognise his home town from Hockney's painting, but he has little time for the critics.

"Whenever Hockney paints anything that makes any kind of news you get the same people writing in," Hoddy said. "They're the same ones who are wondering why Picasso put an eye under an armpit."

"But what's a lot of people tend to forget is that Hockney did this for no charge. It's not costing anybody anything and they're getting a photo book with a Hockney picture on its cover for free," Hoddy said.

Hockney supporters point out that the painting is not only a living rebuttal of Yorkshire's reputation for being dowdy, but has stayed in touch with Bradford despite having lived in Los Angeles for 25 years.

The 51-year-old artist has participated in other civic projects: designing the cover for a handbook for the disabled and a "Bradford's Bouncing Back" poster for a campaign to reinvigorate the unemployment-hit industrial city.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

LEXINGTON, Kentucky: Country music star Waylon Jennings is singing a different tune since gaining a high school equivalency diploma: "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Dropouts."

Jennings was to accept his General Educational Development (GED) certificate from Kentucky First Lady Marlene Wilkinson at the Capitol in Frankfort Monday.

He enrolled in Kentucky educational television's "GED on TV" programme last fall after talking about it with Mrs Wilkinson, the wife of Governor Wallace Wilkinson. He passed the examination in December after studying tapes on his tour bus.

Mrs Wilkinson said Jennings, whose hits include "Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys" (with Willie Nelson), was ecstatic when he had learned he had passed.

"I've got to admit, I don't think I've ever talked to a teen-aged more excited," Mrs Wilkinson said. "He yelled on the phone, 'I really did it and it actually worked!'" (AP)

NEW YORK: Actress Maries Martin, who is deaf, says she would like to hear music or talk on the phone but does not mind not being able to hear: "People talking nonsense" or "booping horns."

In fact, she says, "if I woke up one day and I became hearing, I think I would freak."

"I'm used to the silence. The quiet sounds. And that's what I like," she said in an interview with author, neurologist Oliver Sacks in the February issue of Self magazine.

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The report said that Ima refused to apologise or dispose of the cats' food in the yard and feces in the flower pots. Hidemori then flew into a rage and killed her, it said.

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HAUCOURT, Belgium: Proud of their village's grisly history as a capital of witchcraft, the residents of Haucourt have dedicated a monument to the memory of women buried at the stake there.

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee: New kids on the block, the most popular teenage pop group since the Jacksons and Madonna, say they want to be role models for the youth of today.

"A lot of people associate musicians with drugs, and craziness, and being bad people," said New Kid Jon Knight, 20. "But that's not what we want to be with this group."

Last week, New Kids was named favorite pop rock group at the American music awards. Their album, "Hangin' Tough Live," has sold 7 million copies and was named the favorite pop rock album at the awards show.

"Joining the group was something like basketball; if you play basketball you can stay off the streets, you can set a goal. Music has made a goal for us," Danny Wood, 19, said in an interview published in the Sunday edition of the newspaper the *Tennessean*.

The other members of the quintet are Donnie Wahlberg, 20, the group's oldest member, Jordan Knight, 18, and Jeff McElroy, who was 12 when he joined in 1984. (AP)

TOKYO: A Japanese store is trying to spike up its annual sales by selling bras and panties like chocolates, by the gram.

The Lingering Store in Kobe, which is offering ladies' underwear and swimwear for 60 yen (40 cents) a gram, says the pinup adds a bit of mystery to shopping.

Much of the stock is flimsy, feather-light lingerie, which sales staff told reporters last week, makes for great bargains. (Reuter)

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Gauthier collection

A model wears a woollen cosack vest over matching trousers during the Jean-Paul Gauthier Autumn-Fall 1990 collection in Paris Feb 3. (Reuter wirephoto)



Free dance

Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko of the USSR during their free dance at the European figure skating championship Feb. They won the ice-dancing title. (Reuter wirephoto)

Long struggle with melanoma

NEW YORK, Feb 4. (UPI): Legendary jazz drummer Mel Lewis, whose 40-year career included gigs with Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Kenton, and Miles Davis, has died after a long struggle with melanoma, his publicist said today. He was 60.

The drummer died at 5 pm Friday at Cubitt Hospital Medical Centre in New York City publicist Carroll Conover said.

As recently as last month, band members at the Village Vanguard in New York, where he has played frequently over the years, told a reporter from United Press International that they were expecting him to return to the stage as soon as he recovered from his struggle with melanoma.

Lewis, whose hand is still active, told the New York Times in a recent interview that music shaped his life.

"I've never done anything but play" said Lewis, who made his debut at the age of 15. "There's nothing I'd rather do. I love any kind of music, and when I play, I'm ecstatic."

He made his last stage appearance Jan 13 at the National Association of Jazz Educators Convocation in New Orleans, and performed last November with the Cologne Radio Orchestra in Cologne, West Germany.

Renowned for his commitment to the big band sound, Lewis was honoured last October with a retrospective concert in his honour performed by the American Jazz orchestra at Co-Oper Union in New York.

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Violeta Chamorro, the opposition presidential candidate, holds up one finger the sign of her party. (Reuter wirephoto)

Summit to focus drug war strategy

BOGOTA, Feb 4, (UPI): Protecting the chiefs of state may turn out to be the easiest task when US President George Bush goes to Cartagena in two weeks to discuss drug strategy with his counterparts from Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

The toughest will be finding common ground on how to battle the growing drug trade and the violence it has spawned.

The South Americans feel the United States puts too much emphasis on a military solution in their countries and not enough to eradicating the huge US demand for drugs.

And, the South Americans view their own problems as economic not military.

The presidents will meet on an island in the middle of Cartagena Bay. Colombia is planning massive security for the official visitors and the huge press corps that will accompany them.

But providing security apparently is presenting fewer headaches than agreeing on pre-summit common ground among the four nations. Still, both US and Colombian officials in recent days have said they felt their representatives are in agreement on the agenda.

One official who asked not to be identified said negotiators sought "agreement on a basic approach to narcotics. I think we're near it." Colombian Foreign Minister Julio Londoño also said the team was close to setting an agenda.

Peruvian Foreign Minister Guillermo Larco Cox, who is also prime minister, also said the three Andean countries were near agreement but some basic differences among themselves remained on how to approach the problem.

Peru and Bolivia want more direct US economic aid and Colombia is looking for greater trade opportunities in the US for flowers, textiles and coffee. The United States, the world's largest marijuana producer and cocaine consumer, on the other hand, talks about police and military campaigns against the drug lords and eradication of the coca leaf cultivations that provide the base for cocaine and its powerful derivative, crack.

"Helicopters, surveillance equipment from binoculars to vehicles," was how one US drug expert put Colombia's needs, adding that the cartels' military equipment is "definitely more advanced than that of Colombian law enforcement."

Assistance

"What Colombia needs is economic assistance — I mean trade," countered another official.

While the United States was providing Colombia with about \$65 million in assistance, including military equipment, for the drug war, Colombia's coffee earnings dropped by more than \$200 million despite growing exports. This year Colombia will pay up to \$12 million in duties on flowers it exports to the United States thanks to US anti-dumping penalties that Colombia says are unfair.

The drop in coffee prices came last July when the world coffee agreement fell apart in a deadlock between the United States, the world's largest consumer, and Brazil, the largest producer, over quotas that had kept world prices high. Prices plunged up to 50 per cent before the end of the year.

The Colombian cocaine trade brings in, according to some estimates, as much as \$3 billion a year. The US Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that Colombia produced 36 metric tonnes of cocaine in 1988.

No clue yet to mail bombing

FBI probes

ENTERPRISE, Alabama, Feb 4, (AP): FBI agents have grilled a Bible-quoting junk dealer, fingerprinted an alleged gun runner and dug up a septic tank looking for a typewriter. But it appears no arrests are imminent in a series of mail bombings that killed a judge and a lawyer in December.

Doug Marshall, a Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman in Mobile, said Friday the investigation would continue indefinitely. Scores of federal agents set up offices in a vacant bank building two weeks ago and have made some splashy raids that provided grist for rumour mills.

FBI officials are quick to note that the investigation is continuing full-scale in other cities, notably Atlanta. But Enterprise has received the greatest attention.

The most well-known figure in the investigation, salvage store owner Robert Wayne D'Ferrell, has been closely scrutinised but not charged.

Brian Fleming, a print shop operator whose business and home were searched on Friday, has not been charged in the case either.

Fleming and his wife have been fingerprinted but not questioned in the case, said their attorney, John Knowles. Knowles



Treasure discovered

\$2.5m seized

BOGOTA, Feb 4, (UPI): Authorities seized \$2.5 million in drug money and more than 200 guns in an underground shelter on a ranch owned by slain drug king Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, the army said yesterday.

General Ramon Eduardo Nieves of the 13th army brigade in Bogota told reporters his soldiers discovered the cash and weapons stashed on the ranch "Freddy 1," in Guaduas, Cundinamarca state, 42 miles (67 km) southwest of Bogota.

Rodriguez Gacha, his son Freddy Rodriguez Celades, and five others were gunned down when they tried to shoot their way out of a police ambush in northern Colombia Dec 15.

Rodriguez Gacha was believed to be military chief and second-in-command of the Medellin cartel, suspected run by former Colombian Congressman Pablo Escobar.

The cartel is believed responsible for supplying 30 per cent of the cocaine consumed in the United States.

Delaware to reintroduce public flogging for convicted drug offenders

DOVER, Delaware, Feb 4, (UPI): The war on drugs has reached new heights in Delaware — or a new low, depending on who you talk to.

The chairman of Delaware's judiciary committee introduced legislation to reinstitute a public whipping post as punishment for convicted drug offenders.

Though the measure was first greeted with amusement, the laughter died down after the sponsor, Sen. Thomas Sharp, passed the bill out of committee for a

possible floor vote.

"If things get slow, we'll kick that in," said Sharp, a Democrat who maintains the measure would be a useful deterrent to drug crimes.

"It ought to make for some interesting debate."

In 1955, Delaware became the last state in the nation to abolish whipping as a form of punishment. Critics say the thought of Delaware

Carter defends BCCI role

ATLANTA, Feb 4, (UPI): Former US president Jimmy Carter says he will allow an international bank named in a drug money-laundering case to continue donating funds to a programme he oversees that aids Third World countries.

The Bank of Credit and Commerce International, founded in Luxembourg and managed from London, is a major contributor to Carter's Global 2000, a health and agricultural programme based at the Carter Presidential Centre.

Federal prosecutors dropped money-

laundering charges Jan 16 against BCCI's holding company in return for guilty pleas by two of its subsidiaries, but an investigation of six bank employees is continuing.

Carter, in a telephone interview Friday with the Atlanta Journal Constitution, from Crested Butte, Colorado, blamed the bank's problems on a "few unsavoury characters ... who were apparently tempted by bribes." He referred to the bank's legal problems as "an unfortunate incident" that has been resolved.

Carter would not say how much money

Global 2000 programme receives from BCCI, the fifth largest private bank in the world, but said without its donations "we would have to cancel all of our projects in Africa and Asia."

"Hundreds of thousands of people benefit from these programmes," he said.

Carter said the bank's donations go directly to countries where Global 2000 has food and health programmes, including China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zambia, Ghana and Nigeria.

"Every penny that we take is accounted

for and is carefully audited," Carter said. "None of it comes to Atlanta."

The charges stem from a 1988 federal indictment in Tampa, Florida, against BCCI, two subsidiaries and nine current or former employees.

The company is co-operating with the investigation and has agreed to forfeit \$14.8 million in an escrow account.

In return for the plea, the government agreed to waive any future charges against the bank that might arise from the continuing probe.

Greensboro 4 served at last

Black rights sit-in marked

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, Feb 4, (UPI): Four black men who sparked the US civil rights movement in 1960 by demanding service at a Woolworth's lunch counter finally got their meal this week — a breakfast of bacon, eggs, grits, toast and coffee on the 30th anniversary of the sit-in.

The Greensboro four — Jibreel Khazan, Joe McNeil, Franklin McCain and David Richmond — were invited to dine at Woolworths on the anniversary of the protest that broke the back of southern segregation. They were greeted at the door by Woolworth's Vice President Aubrey Lewis, who is black.

"I want to thank you for what you did 30 years ago," Lewis told the four men. "You had the courage to open the door for an entire movement."

"Thirty years ago, you could not be served here. I could not be served here," Lewis said. "But because of what you did, I now stand here as vice president of Woolworth."

Three of the men ordered coffee, and a fourth asked for water and a banana. But Woolworth's would have none of that and out came an elaborate spread of bacon, scrambled eggs, grits and toast, in contrast to the treatment 30 years ago when they ordered a meal and got a cold shoulder instead.

Scared still

"I remember it," said Geneva Tisdale, a black, who was working at the lunch counter's steam table when the demonstration occurred. "I was scared stiff because I didn't know what was going to happen."

Tisdale and Lina Edwards, who also worked at the lunch counter, were on hand to help serve breakfast to the four men whose action sparked restaurant sit-ins across the south and ultimately ended the policy of whites-only eating places.

"We were determined to turn America around," said Khazan, now 48. "It was a war that was going on. We were non-violent warriors in a war. We were struggling to be free."

"That was really our aim — to test the bill of rights and the constitution, to see if they really worked," he said. "We didn't have any civil rights. Most people talked about doing something. We decided to do something."

At 7 am on Monday, Feb 1, 1960, the four students from north Carolina A-and-T state college, which is still predominantly black — walked into Woolworth's and sat down at the counter.

Although the dime store sold food to blacks, they were not allowed to sit at the counter where whites were routinely served.

Look bad

"Fellows like you make our race look bad," said a black waitress who refused to serve them.

The students remained until the store closed, then returned the next morning along with 19 others. By Wednesday, the group of protesters had grown to 85 and by Thursday there were 400 students demanding to be served at Woolworth's.

Word spread, and soon blacks were walking into all-white restaurants in other North Carolina cities. Durham, High Point, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Raleigh.

Similar demonstrations sprang up in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, Texas and Arkansas. Mass arrests were made in Raleigh, Nashville and Montgomery. Woolworth's closed the Greensboro lunch counter.

"I was puzzled when they walked in because I didn't know what to do," said Edwards, who is white and worked in the bakery area. "Many of us felt they should have been served, but we couldn't do it."

Costa Ricans go to vote

SAN JOSE, Feb 4, (UPI): Costa Rica, the oldest democracy in Central America, votes today in presidential elections in which the two leading candidates have been hard-pressed to show they can measure up to outgoing President Oscar Arias, a Nobel peace prize winner.

Arias, who won international acclaim in 1987 for his authorship of a far-reaching Central American peace plan, is forbidden by law from seeking a second term or taking an active role in the elections.

Campaign officials expect a close race between the two men most likely

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Police block demonstrators

Paraguayan riot police block the path of anti-Stroessner demonstrators who wanted to march through downtown Asuncion on Feb 3 to celebrate

the first anniversary of the overthrow of dictator Alfred Stroessner. There were no arrests or injuries. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pilot kin to sue US govt for \$2b

Bush tackles global climate

Final touch to speech

WASHINGTON, Feb 4, (UPI):

US President George Bush yesterday discussed global climate change with a newly formed presidential advisory panel as he prepares to address the issue in a speech that will be closely watched by environmental and business groups.

White House aides denied reports that the presidential chief of staff toned down a speech Bush will make Monday on global warming.

Bush never intended to reveal any policy shifts in his speech to the opening session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, (IPCC) and the speech was tailored to reflect the official administration position that considerable scientific uncertainty remains about the seriousness of global warming, one administration official said.

Bush has been criticised by environmentalists for not taking a stronger world leadership role on global warming.

Card said finishing touches were put on the speech on Saturday.

The official who spoke anonymously when he was told the tone, and make sure it reflected administration policy on the inconclusiveness of scientific research on global warming.

Sumunu, according to the reports, is not convinced of the reliability of computer models that project temperature increases of at least 4 degrees by the year 2050 and he fears the economic consequences of shifting abruptly from today's energy sources as a solution to global warming.

"We take the issue seriously, but we're not prepared to make decisions on potential changes that are not scientifically proven," White House spokesman Steve Hart said.

Other officials said that despite a reluctance to endorse expensive and sweeping steps to mitigate global warming, Bush, in his speech, will point out the environmental steps he is taking, such as:

- His proposal to spend \$1 billion in fiscal year 1991, an increase of 57 per cent, for global change research.
- Cleaning sweep air act changes currently being negotiated with Congress.
- A proposal to spend \$175 million to begin a project of planting 1 billion trees.
- Last year's regulatory restrictions on electric appliances.

The bill has been tempered somewhat from Sharp's original version, which would have made whipping — from five to 40 lashes — mandatory for anyone convicted of drug trafficking.

He amended it to make whipping a sentencing option for judges.

Various amendments have been proposed, presumably to kill the bill, that include keeping the whipping private and requiring that the defendant not be bound while the lashes are administered.

Hallie



Black demonstrators carry Communist Party and ANC banners as they march through Johannesburg's Alexandra township on Feb 3. (Reuter wirephoto)

New future awaits SA

Sidelights



A black protester screams out as he attends the rally in Johannesburg. (Reuter wirephoto)

ANC, PAC split widens

HARARE, Feb 4. (Reuter): The split between rival South African black nationalist movements in exile appears to be widening as they prepare to respond to President F.W. de Klerk's call to join him at the negotiating table.

Despite urgent pleas for unity from senior black African leaders such as President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) are still slinging mud at each other.

The ANC, the senior of the two movements battling to end South Africa's apartheid race laws, is based in Lusaka and the PAC, a splinter group formed in the late 1950s, has its headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

Both were legalised by De Klerk on Friday after 30 years underground and in exile. In the most far-reaching address by a South African president since the white National Party came to power in 1948, De Klerk announced that ANC leader Nelson Mandela would be released from jail soon and declared that "the time for negotiation has arrived."

The latest round of invective between the ANC and PAC was sparked by an attack on the hardline PAC late last month by Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's chief foreign affairs spokesman.

He told a university audience in Dar es Salaam that the PAC was "a diversion from the main course of the struggle" and had allowed itself to be manipulated by hostile forces.

"Pretoria bombs us, it raids us in neighbouring countries, it hangs our members. The PAC has never been attacked, where are its members?" Mbeki asked.

The PAC hit back through its executive secretary Joe Mkwana, who accused Mbeki in a letter released in Harare on Friday of making his attack "at the most inopportune time."

He said the PAC had led the way in the armed struggle against apartheid and rejected Mbeki's charge that it was controlled by hostile forces. He also accused the ANC of being repeatedly infiltrated by South African security agents.

Name-calling between the two movements reflects long-standing ideological differences dating back to the mid-1950s, when the ANC adopted its landmark freedom charter of guiding principles.

Amendments Act, which allows local governments to segregate public facilities, would be repealed during the current session of Parliament.

While most anti-apartheid leaders hailed de Klerk's initiative, they warned that the government had not gone far enough.

Denis Worrall, leader of the white Liberal Democratic Party, said the search for a political solution could resemble the tortuous negotiations.

Exiled ANC leaders, apparently

caught off guard by de Klerk's initiative, welcomed the reforms, but said there could be no instant peace. "An armistice can only take place once a democratic government is in place," said an ANC spokesman.

The number of countries where torture was systematically applied had fallen over the same period but it was still far from exceptional elsewhere.

Torture is widespread despite being banned by a UN convention, it added.

"Though the fight against torture has considerably intensified during the last decade, it remains a common phenomenon in today's world," the report said.

It made special mention of the torture of children.

UN reports torture widespread despite ban: calls for stiff penalties

GENEVA, Feb 4. (Reuter): In Tibet, a man was said to have been hung upside down for five consecutive days. When the ordeal was over he was taken outside in the middle of the night and the lower part of his body was smeared with excrement.

In Indonesia, men and women are plunged into boiling water, the report said, while in Mauritania a widely used method of torture is known as the "jaguar" — the victim is strung up by the legs over an iron bar, with the arms bound over the legs and

the head hanging down.

The 84-page report, obtained by Reuters, was prepared for the current session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission and lists 49 countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America with documented or alleged cases of torture.

Throughout the world last year, thousands of men, women and children were subjected to severe beatings, electric shocks, rape, denial of sleep and prolonged

exposure to harsh weather conditions, the report said.

It described education in the field of human rights as an urgent priority and called for stiff penalties for those found guilty of acts of torture.

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ANC leaders chalk out future strategies

Ceasing of black hostility will be negotiated

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 4. (AP): The government's announcement of sweeping political change prompted subdued reaction and reflection among anti-apartheid activists this weekend.

The African National Congress meeting for the first time since President F.W. de Klerk legalised the organisation, considered new strategies but said it will not abandon its guerrilla campaign.

ANC leaders flew to Stockholm, Sweden, yesterday from their headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, to join veteran members recently released from South African prisons who were in Sweden to visit ailing ANC President Oliver Tambo, largest black city, Soweto, home to 2.5 million people.

Two hundred blacks, mostly children, gathered two hours later for a rally in a church in the largest black township outside Cape Town, where hundreds of thousands live.

In the Natal province capital of Pietermaritzburg, 7,000 people gathered outside a cricket stadium to protest a visiting English team that is defying an international sports boycott against apartheid.

But about 8,000 people, including many elders and children, crammed into a stadium in Alexandra, a township of more than 100,000 people near Johannesburg, and chanted "Viva ANC" while swaying to the rhythm of liberation songs.

In Lusaka, ANC spokesman Pallo Jordan said the ANC will not abandon the military campaign, but conceded it will take a lower profile.

"Any ceasing of hostilities will have to be negotiated and will arise out of a mutually binding ceasefire," he told reporters.

ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo and Jo Slovo, head of the South African Communist Party, flew to Stockholm late Friday to join Walter Sisulu and other ANC veterans touring Scandinavia on their first visit outside Africa since being freed in October.

The meeting, expected to last until tomorrow, was an ANC executive committee session to "discuss new strategies because of the new situation which has arisen," said David Kgahang, a former official of the ANC's Stockholm office.

Kgahang gave no indication of how the strategy might change.

Kgahang said he expected the ANC to reopen its offices in Johannesburg and elsewhere in South Africa. The group operated openly for 48 years until it was outlawed in 1960, and began its sabotage campaign in 1961.

In a statement Friday, the ANC tempered its welcome of De Klerk's speech with concern that some emergency restrictions remained in place, including the power to detain without trial. It called for the continued international isolation of South Africa until apartheid is dismantled.

In Washington, President George Bush said US sanctions against South Africa should be reviewed in light of De Klerk's announcement, but he wants to see more specifics before scaling back the sanctions.

Bush said he would look particularly for Mandela's release.

Under US law, the president can suspend or modify the sanctions if Mandela and other political prisoners are freed and other specific conditions are met.

Jesse Jackson, a prominent US civil rights activist who made a strong bid for the presidency, was to travel to South Africa this week and he said he was hoping to meet De Klerk as well as Mandela, in or out of prison.

Priorities bombs us, it raids us in neighbouring countries, it hangs our members. The PAC has never been attacked, where are its members?" Mbeki asked.

The PAC hit back through its executive secretary Joe Mkwana, who accused Mbeki in a letter released in Harare on Friday of making his attack "at the most inopportune time."

He said the PAC had led the way in the armed struggle against apartheid and rejected Mbeki's charge that it was controlled by hostile forces. He also accused the ANC of being repeatedly infiltrated by South African security agents.

Name-calling between the two movements reflects long-standing ideological differences dating back to the mid-1950s, when the ANC adopted its landmark freedom charter of guiding principles.

tured quest for peace in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

The government is not in danger of collapsing, and de Klerk is in a powerful position as he offers to negotiate. The government is in full control of the country, black resistance is minimal and the ANC has admitted its guerrilla campaign has been largely ineffectual.

Jubilant South African anti-apartheid groups celebrated a new sense of freedom at the weekend and looked forward to the quick release of Mandela.

On Friday, De Klerk had partly rescinded the state of emergency imposed in 1986 to quell disturbances. He announced the legalisation of the ANC and about 60 other opposition groups, and lifted the ban on hundreds of anti-apartheid activists, including Tambo.

De Klerk also promised to unconditionally free ANC leader Nelson Mandela, but gave no date. The 71-year-old Mandela, imprisoned since 1962, is serving a life sentence for helping plan the start of the ANC's sabotage and bombing campaign against the white-led government.

Reaction in black townships was subdued, with no celebration in the

NEWS IN BRIEF

America

Faulty circuit triggers alert: Faulty circuit breakers triggered a low-level alert for more than six hours at a nuclear plant in central Pennsylvania, but no radiation was released. Lt. Gov. Mark Singel said in Bernville, Pennsylvania.

Fire and ambulance crews were called Saturday to a Susquehanna steam heating station, but no injuries were reported and no employees were evacuated from the plant.

"It is not all that serious," said Karl Abraham, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"There is no threat in the public at all or to the workers in the plant." (AP)

US-Soviet space personnel: US and Soviet space officials are discussing a swap that would allow an American astronaut to fly aboard the Soviet Mir space station and a Soviet cosmonaut to travel aboard a US space shuttle, the Washington Post reported on Sunday in Washington.

The proposal envisions an exchange of doctors conducting experiments on weightlessness, the news said.

An associate deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Samuel Keller, told the newspaper the cosmonaut could fly aboard a space shuttle as early as mid-1992 on a flight carrying the European-built laboratory spacecraft. (Reuter)

Killer for death row: A man accused of killing an US woman travelling in Ghana last year has been convicted and sentenced to death by firing squad.

Alane Gomez of La Porte, Texas, was informed by the US consul in Accra that a court there convicted David W. Agudu in the slaying of his daughter, Alena Marie Gomez.

The 24-year-old woman was robbed and killed while on an extended trip through Africa. She was missing for seven months before police arrested Agudu last September. (UPI)

'None survived'

The original telegram sent to the Kremlin by the local Soviet announcing that the Czar and his family had all been shot. Decoded the telegram reads: "Tell Sverdlov the entire family suffered the same fate as its head. Officially the family will perish in execution." The message is one of the pieces of original evidence gathered by Sokolov the White Army's chief investigator. It is a part of the previously lost Sokolov Archive. This along with other materials from the archive is estimated to fetch around \$180,000 to \$300,000 when they go on sale at Sotheby's April 5, 1990. (Reuter wirephoto)

Latin America

Virgin Island tremors: An earthquake registering 5.3 on the Richter Scale rattled the US Virgin Islands and was felt strongly in Puerto Rico early on Saturday, but no damage or injuries were reported, a geological official said in San Juan.

William McCann, director of the University of Puerto Rico's seismic network, said the brief tremors began at 8.30 GMT and were centred 38 miles (60 km) north of St John and St Thomas.

He said the quake was related to the fault system of the Puerto Rico trench, a deep-water formation north of Puerto Rico that periodically produces tremors that affect the Caribbean island. (Reuter)

Salinas ends tour: Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari headed home Saturday after concluding a 10-day European tour by meeting with Swiss President Arnold Koller and Olympics head Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Salinas primarily discussed trade and investment issues during his lunch with Koller and other Swiss government officials in the capital city of Bern before meeting in the late afternoon in Lausanne with Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee. (UPI)

Angola claims Mavinga recaptured

LISBON, Feb 4. (AP): The Angolan Army claimed yesterday its forces reaptured the strategic Mavinga airstrip in southeast Angola, the focus of bitter fighting with Unita rebels for over a month, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

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Indians march to protest: About 70 Indians in Atlanta representing various tribes marched to the state Capitol Saturday to protest against a proposed construction on an ancient burial grounds.

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Kaifu grabs microphones as he address crowds in a Tokyo street. (Reuter wirephoto)



Takako Doi addressing a crowd in Ginza street. (Reuter wirephoto)

Vietnam rules out opposition

BANGKOK, Feb 4. (UPI): Vietnamese Communist Party leader Nguyen Van Linh, speaking on the 60th anniversary of his party's founding, again rejected any relaxation of communist dominance in Vietnam, saying opposition parties were not necessary for democracy.

"The revolutionary practice in Vietnam during the past 60 years has testified to the following truth: The party leadership in our case is an effective necessity," he said in a speech commemorating the founding of the party on Feb 3, 1930.

Linh, now 74 and rumoured to be ready to resign because of illness, called on the people and party to continue his policies of liberal economic reform, but only "cautious political changes meant to preserve communist power."

Linh said the crises faced by communist parties in eastern Europe were caused not by party domination but by excessive bureaucracy and "deviations" which have deformed socialist policies.

Linh said the Vietnamese people did not believe that allowing multiple parties would solve their problems because they already had experimented with other parties in the early days of the anti-French struggle.

Sihanouk move New name, flag

BEIJING, Feb 4. (AP): Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk has changed the name, flag and anthem of his resistance coalition in an apparent move to distance himself from the Khmer Rouge, strongest of the coalition's three partners.

Sihanouk, in a letter to his son, Prince Ranariddh, seen today said the resistance group now will be called the "Coalition Government of Cambodia," rather than "Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea."

Ranariddh, who is based in Bangkok, was asked to deliver the message to Soo Samn, head of a second faction and premier of the coalition government. Soo Samn was then to revert the changes to UN Secreary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The coalition holds Cambodia's seat in the United Nations, which has refused to recognise the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen or Phnom Penh.

Sihanouk said his country

US report accuses China of abuses

WASHINGTON, Feb 4. (UPI): Departing from the Bush administration's cautious statements on China, a confidential State Department report accuses China of pervasive, severe human rights violations in Beijing, Tibet and other parts of the country, a published report said.

The report says the "massacre" in Tiananmen Square and the subsequent crackdown on independent political activity violated almost every internationally recognised human rights, the New York Times said today.

The State Department report on China is required by law and scheduled for publication Feb 21.

The report says since June the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party have tightened ideological control of students and scholars, reassessed political control over trade unions and Chinese journalists, crushed a human rights monitoring group and adopted new security regulations to restrict foreign travel and the movement of Chinese citizens within the country.

It says Deng Xiaoping and a "closed circle of a few senior leaders" are determined to retain power, regardless of the people's wishes.

The study was reviewed by the White House but apparently not watered down, the Times said. The report's conclusions were first reported by the US NBC News Friday.

In Gansu province 731 people with low IQs were sterilised last year under eugenic regulations that prohibit the birth of children to people with severe mental handicaps. China was drafting a law to extend the ban nationwide, the report said.

The report concludes that "the human rights climate in China deteriorated dramatically in 1989," with the killing of scores of people in Tibet, "several hundred and possibly thousands of people" killed in Beijing and a score executed for "clearly political offences," after secret trials devoid of procedural safeguards.

"At the year's end the crackdown was still continuing," the report noted.

The State Department's annual human rights report "describes every human rights crime you can think of" on the part of the Chinese government, a congressional source who has seen the unreleased document said Friday night.

The frankness of the document appeared to surprise some congressional figures who expected President George Bush's administration to mute criticism of China.

The administration has asserted it is important to maintain a dialogue with Chinese leaders to encourage liberalisation.

Kaifu fails to convince people: Doi pulls crowd

Farmers dealt fatal blow to Japan's ruling party

TOKYO, Feb 4. (AP): Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu is telling voters that in two weeks Japan will face a crucial choice between democracy and socialism.

But as official campaigning for parliamentary elections began yesterday, voters didn't seem to share his concern.

"I need your support," he told an unenthusiastic crowd of several hundred people who gathered in front of a busy Tokyo train station.

Most of his audience appeared to be party supporters invited to the rally. Passers-by lingered only until traffic lights changed. Nearby, more than 1,000 people gathered to hear the leader of the main

opposition Socialists Party.

The embattled prime minister, one of 953 candidates vying for the 512 seats in Parliament's powerful Lower House, has said he will resign if his Liberal Democratic Party cannot retain a majority.

And for the first time in 34 years of unbroken rule, the Liberal Democrats are facing the possibility that even that goal may prove to be too much.

Kaifu said the Feb 18 election will be "critical," and warned that voters will be deciding whether they want "freedom and democracy or socialism and communism."



Nakasone waves to supporters during an election campaign in his home district of Takasaki City Feb 3. (Reuter wirephoto)

Japan faces weak govt

TOKYO, Feb 4. (Reuter): Japan may find itself stuck after this month's election with a weak government unable to make the changes demanded by its trading partners and many of its own voters.

The Liberal Democratic Party faces its toughest test in 34 years in power in the Feb 18 poll and many analysts expect it to just squeak by with a bare majority. "This is the worst of all possible worlds," said Kenneth Coutant, strategist for broker DKB Capital Markets (Asia). "The LDP will neither be strong enough to push through controversial reforms, nor so weak that it will be scared into abandoning its traditional sources of support."

The vested interests would have a hammerlock on power," Coutant said.

Resisting: Those vested interests include farmers opposed to any further opening of a highly protected agricultural market and keep smallshops resisting reform of a multi-tiered distribution system that discourages imports.

For the immediate future, that would be bad news for the United States, which is pressing Japan to come up with a timetable at mid-year for wholesale changes in what it runs its economy and society.

The LDP may be less able to accommodate American demands as quickly as they used to, said Kunio Inoguchi, associate professor of political science at Sophia University.

But over a longer term, she and some other analysts argue, the political uncertainty will prove beneficial by sowing the seeds of a new political order more in tune with the wishes of Japan's growing urban work force.

"We are going through a very big political change which only comes about every half century," Inoguchi said. "We just hope the United States understands and provides... support."

The LDP has ruled Japan since November, 1955, and has presided over phenomenal growth that transformed a country devastated by war into the world's second biggest economy.

A narrow victory for the LDP — it needs to win 257 seats to maintain a majority in Parliament's lower house — might also allow the popular but largely ineffectual Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu to remain in office.

Scandals: The LDP chose the boorish Kaifu as Prime Minister last August not for his political acumen but because he was one of the few candidates not tainted by money or sex scandals.

Government bureaucrats are already quietly bemoaning the possibility that Kaifu might continue as prime minister and are barking back fondly to the days when the powerful Yasuhiro Nakasone and Noboru Takehisa held that post.

"A very powerful politician is needed by Japan," said Shuji Nishijima, a former government official and now a professor at Nagoya University.

Some analysts are already speculating that the LDP will have to call another election later this year to break the political logjam and seek greater support.

It was Nakasone and Takehisa who pushed through the unpopular agriculture reforms and the controversial sales tax that contributed to the LDP's loss of control of the upper house last July for the first time in the party's 34-year history.

After he led the LDP to a thumping victory in 1986, Nakasone declared that the party had to attract the growing number of urban workers if it wanted to hold onto power.

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Softening stand

The new Beijing bureau chief for the Voice of America, Stephaine Mann Nealer, sits in her office. Nealer replaces Al Parsons who was expelled by Chinese authorities after the June 4 massacre. Allowing the return of a VOA correspondent is part of the softening of Chinese attitudes in relations with US. (Reuter wirephoto)



Fighting for life

Nursing officer Patrick Deroose takes a quick look at the X-ray of British photographer Norman Parkinson at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore before heading for the Intensive Care Unit. Parkinson, 76, is fighting for his life after suffering brain haemorrhage while on assignment in the jungle of Borneo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Kenya's three Sunday newspapers reported the barge, which supplied oil to ships at the port, left a 200-metre (240 yards) long oil spill in the harbour on Saturday. (UPI)

Cyclone brings havoc to Australia: Gale force winds and torrential rain brought by cyclone Nancy left coastal areas of New South Wales state awash yesterday and more flooding was expected as some rivers still had to reach peak levels.

Police confirmed three men dead and an 11-year-old boy was missing. Ten died, after swollen rivers and creeks broke their banks and swirled over roads and bridges in northern NSW and southern Queensland during the weekend.

Spokeswoman Sooya Zadel said police recovered the body of a 30-year-old man whose car was washed from a bridge into the Brunswick river, near Mullumbimby, in the far north coast Friday night. A 39-year-old woman companion escaped through the car window before it sank. The body of another 28-year-old man drowned at nearby Kyogle had also been recovered.

The body of a young man, who fell from his canoe in a fast-moving stream near Nerang river on Queensland's gold coast, also had been found.

She said police were still searching for the body of a 11-year-old boy who fell into the river at Bellinger on Saturday. (UPI)

Barge sinks in Kenya: A barge loaded with 420 tons of bunker fuel and a watchman sank at the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa, spilling an undetermined amount of oil, it was reported yesterday.

Roh pledges to accelerate reforms, grant amnesty to politicos

SEOUL, Feb 4. (AP): President Roh Tae Woo pledged with former opposition leaders yesterday to accelerate democratic reforms and release imprisoned dissidents, the presidential office announced.

The announcement said Roh agreed on democratic reforms, including an amnesty for those jailed for political protests, proposed by two former opposition leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Jong-Pil in talks at Roh's office.

Roh and the two Kims also agreed to seek "steady democratic reforms" after forming a

broad-based new Conservative Party by early April, it said.

In a move unprecedented in South Korea's constitutional history, Roh announced last week that his governing party will merge with the nation's second and third opposition groups led by the two Kims.

Roh's Democratic Justice Party was dissolved Thursday, and Kim Young-Sam's Reunification Democratic Party announced its dissolution Monday.

The presidential announcement did not say how many prisoners will be freed, but said the government would consider releasing "as many as possible."

No government figures were available, but dissidents claim there are about 1,000 dissidents, students, workers and others imprisoned for political activity.

Dissidents and radical students have vowed to launch a civil drive against the three-party merger, calling it a scheme by a military dictatorship to prolong its power.

200,000 rally to demand reform

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The once-banned flags of the Baltic republics mingled with the yellow-and-blue banner of the Ukrainian mass movement, Ruth.

Marchers swarmed into the square down Gorky street from the Moscow ring-road, some chanting in unison "Down with the KGB".

Banners proclaimed "Down with article six" — the clause in the Soviet constitution which gives the party's "leading role" in society.

Others called on the Soviet army not to oppose the people and demanded the retirement of Yegor Ligachev, reviled by many reformists as the conservatives' stalking horse on the Politburo.

The demonstration came as the 20 million-strong party, which has ruled since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, appeared to face a turning point in its history.

"The party is going through its most difficult time, perhaps the most difficult in its entire history," the government daily Izvestia warned today.

The Central Committee is meeting tomorrow and on Tuesday to debate proposals which include giving up its constitutional right to rule, changing its structure and increasing its accountability to its people.

A draft proposal, which is thought to reflect Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's views on the party, calls for a platform of "humane democratic socialism" which would end the party's exclusive grip on power.

Organisers of the rally included the democratic platform, a reform group within the party, the Moscow Association of Voters and other progressive organisations.

Police said there were no reports of disorders during the rally, which police kept hemmed in with buses and lorries parked across city intersections. Thousands of young officers linked arms to keep the crowd in place.

A radical, historic, Yuri Afanasyev told the rally: "I stand with a call — hail the peaceful, non-violent 1990 all-union revolution." He called for progressive forces to hold further protests across the Soviet Union in three weeks' time.

A moment of silence was observed for hundreds of people who have died in ethnic clashes in the south of the country.

The clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, the separatists from the Baltic republics and economic stagnation that refuses to yield to reforms have presented Gorbachev with an unprecedented crisis.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in an interview that there is no question of President Mikhail Gorbachev resigning.

"The question concerning the resignation ... has not risen and is not rising," Shevardnadze said in an interview with the Toronto Star.

Yugoslav communists in disarray

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Slovenian communists had the status of an unequal minority," Ribicic told the Associated Press.

The break also extended to the republic's party name.

Bekes said the League of Communists of Slovenia would henceforth be known as the LCS — the party for democratic renewal, "whose programme and statute will be of the social-democratic orientation" common in Western Europe.

He said the Slovenian communists "will remain open for co-operation with all democratic-oriented forces" in other Yugoslav republics.

Slovenian communists have moved quickly over the past three years to create a pluralistic political system in the republic despite harsh criticism from Serbia, the largest Yugoslav republic, where communist leaders demand continued Communist Party dominance on the national level.

Slovenian communists walked away from an important national party congress in January and disrupted its work after being defeated by Serbian-led hard-liners on several reform issues.

"We do not want to be a part of an old-style dogmatic organization such as Yugoslavia's League of Communists," Bekes told reporters.

He said Slovenia will have no representatives in the national communist leadership, but is willing to form a coalition with the federal leadership on the national level.

The deep divisions within the national party grew increasingly evident during the January congress, as delegates became bogged down in bitter debate between Slovenian liberals, anxious to push ahead with reforms, and entrenched hardliners from Serbia.

Changes in East bloc jolt US defence

'A revolution in military affairs could be in the making'

WASHINGTON, Feb 4, (AP): Changes in the East bloc have opened a new path for US defences, but it remains unclear where it will lead military chiefs and soldiers, weapons makers, political leaders and taxpayers.

"A revolution in military affairs could be in the making," says William Kaufmann of the Brookings Institution, a policy research group. Kaufmann is a frequent consultant to the US Defence Department.

The most frequently asked questions are how radically will the military be reshaped, and will Congress switch defence dollars to social programmes such as housing and education that were squeezed during the Reagan government's military buildup?

Military planners already are rethinking traditional defence strategies, but trying to hold together the North Atlantic alliance. The glue that has kept Nato together for 40 years is fear of a surprise Soviet-led invasion of Western Europe, but few Western experts now believe the Warsaw Pact

armies pose a major threat.

While even the Defence Department's biggest supporters in Congress see more relaxed East-West relations, some caution against assuming that democratic reforms and moves toward free-market economies in Eastern Europe would last if Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was ousted.

"A return to post-Soviet behaviour is the biggest risk we must consider in reordering our priorities and restructuring our own defences," said Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

President George Bush proposed to Congress a slight trimming of defence spending, to \$292 billion, for the budget year starting Oct 1. Pressures are great on Capitol Hill to make deeper cuts.

"The reality is that we must plan on our defence budget going down several percentage points every year for the foreseeable future," says Gen. Colin L. Powell, the top US military officer as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Kaufmann says military spending by 1999 should be cut to half today's level.

The arms industry boomed when Reagan was president and now employs one in five of the nation's manufacturing workers and one-third of scientists and engineers. The boom may not last, but some industry workers and their communities already see reason to worry about layoffs and pay cuts.

"There can be a dark side to the outbreak of peace," Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste said at a special conference of small- and medium-size military contractors Jan 24.

The jobs of about 200,000 Ohio residents depend on the defence industry. Other states, including California, Virginia, Washington, Maryland and Missouri, are even more closely linked to the health of military contractors.

The bright side, in the view of many economists and defence analysts, is that the expected defence savings during the 1990s could be converted to a

"peace dividend" — money to combat homelessness, build new schools, repair old roads and bridges, intensify medical research, combat drug abuse.

Bush's advisers, however, say no major savings should be expected until new arms control deals are struck and the pro-democracy movement in Eastern Europe gains a firmer footing. And they see another use for money saved on defence: paying the huge bills for correcting mistakes of the past, such as untold levels of contamination from nuclear weapons plants.

Despite the caution of the Republican President, debate in the Democrat-controlled Congress over spending priorities in light of a retreating Soviet military menace already is under way.

■ US National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft said yesterday that US forces in the future will be smaller but "more global" in their orientation.

Scowcroft also said US policy for Europe is one of "continuity and change" to adapt to the massive transformations sweeping Eastern Europe.



Turkey blames Greece for row

ANKARA, Feb 4, (Reuters): Turkey blamed Greece today for their row over ethnic Turks and said Athens held the key to restoring ties between the two NATO neighbours.

"What happens now depends on the response of Greece. They started the latest problem by declaring one of our diplomats persona non grata," a Foreign Ministry official said.

"We hope that from now on everything will be calm between the two countries," he said.

Turkey has given Greece's Consul-General in Istanbul Elias Klis, a week to leave in retaliation for the expulsion of a Turkish diplomat in the Greek town of Komotini, where 19 people were injured seven days ago in clashes between Greeks and ethnic Turks.

Greece said it was expelling Komotini Consul-General Kemal Gur because Ankara insisted on calling the Muslim minority in Greece "fellow countrymen" and "citizens of Turkish origin."

Greece describes the 120,000 ethnic Turks in the region, under Ottoman rule until 1913, as Greek Muslims. Many of them are in the Komotini region of western Thrace.

The expulsions were the first in at least three decades between the two countries, who have come close to war over such issues as the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus and a 1987 dispute over the Aegean Sea.

Turkish officials said the latest row had derailed, at least temporarily, political rapprochement which started in the Swiss resort of Davos two years ago.

But Ankara-based western diplomats said the dispute could soon blow over.

"Greeks and Turks tend to get very excited and give the impression of high tension but more often than not it never comes to much and is contained," one diplomat said.

A Turkish newspaper columnist accused Greece of "creating a storm in a teacup" with anti-Turk sentiment before general elections in April.

Turkey last week accused Greeks of using brute force against the minority in Komotini and made an international appeal to protect the human rights of ethnic Turks in Greece.

There are also about 1.5 million ethnic Turks in Bulgaria and 1,000 in Romania. Some Turks referred to "kinsmen" in Soviet Azerbaijan during the recent turmoil there.

Greece accused Turkey today of breaking international law by expelling the Greek Consul-General in Istanbul after Athens ordered out a Turkish diplomat.

Foreign Minister Antonis Samaras said in a statement that expulsion of Klis was "impossible to justify according to International law, arbitrary, and a blatant act of political revenge."

Klis was expelled yesterday shortly after Greece declared Gur, persona non grata in a row between the two countries over Greece's Muslim minority.

■ Ankara has protested to Athens over the detention at gunpoint of two Turkish fishermen by a Greek patrol, Turkish television said yesterday.

The report, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), quoted the Turkish Foreign Ministry as saying the two Turks had been fishing inside Turkish waters off Ayvacik.

It said they were taken to the island of Mithilli. It said the Turkish protest was made to the Greek Ambassador in Ankara.

Superpower talks on German union

Baker heads for Moscow to meet Shevardnadze



Azeris mourn

Thousands of mourners pass a line of more than 100 graves dug into a terrace in a hilltop park in Baku. The graves are for those killed when Soviet Army stormed the city, on Jan 20, to put down a nationalist uprising. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lukanov will make reforms

SOFIA, Feb 4, (AP): Newly elected Premier Andrei Lukanov has promised to move quickly to form a new government and reform the economy.

The assembly unanimously elected Lukanov, a moderate communist reformer, yesterday after accepting the resignation of the former premier, Georgi Atanasov, with one abstention. Only one member had opposed the resignation of Atanasov's 22-member cabinet.

Lukanov said he would present his cabinet Thursday, and that he hoped groups outside the party would help create a coalition government. The opposition initially rejected joining a communist-led government, but has softened its stance.

Lukanov has been the main negotiator for the party at talks with the opposition and is perceived by many Bulgarians as the most trustworthy communist leader.

The multilingual economist, who has worked in government and party politics for years, said he was assuming office during a period of "moral and economic crisis" which exists in this country.

"I have the wish to actively do something and to realise all the hopes you have invested in this government at this critical moment for Bulgaria," Lukanov told the National Assembly.

He announced plans for setting up an "anti-crisis programme" adding "we have to make fundamental economic

reforms, and we have to do it immediately."

Lukanov said his government would present the main points of the programme to the assembly when it meets to swear in the new government Thursday.

The opposition has sought a more rapid pace for reforms since demonstrations last November forced communist leader Todor Zhivkov from power. The opposition has maintained pressure through protests and called for ruling communists to step down, as communists have done in most neighbouring East Bloc nations.

The communist leadership has made a vague proposal to create a government of "national concord" to rule until multiparty elections in May.

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Yesterday, Petar Beron, an academic who is senior member of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, said his group could "certainly refuse to take part" in a provisional government.

Later, however, in interviews with Bulgarian reporters, he left open the possibility of some opposition members joining Lukanov's cabinet.

Beron described Lukanov as a "good choice" and a "very capable and resourceful" man.

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Senior Romanian leader resigns

BUCHAREST, Feb 4, (Reuters): The new Romanian government's chief ideologist, Silvius Brucan, resigned unexpectedly today in a further show of dissidence among leaders who took power after the December overthrow of the Ceausescu dictatorship.

Citing public apathy, he said he was leaving because Romania seems to have faded as suddenly as it was raised by East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow, who now says it was only a suggestion.

"I am offering this as something to be considered for discussion," he said in an interview with West German television.

When Modrow publicly backed German reunification on Thursday in a stunning reversal of East German policy, he made military and political neutrality a major condition.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl immediately rejected the proposal.

The Soviet foreign minister is proposing that the issue of German reunification be put to an international referendum because the world suffered so much at the hands of the Nazis.

Eduard Shevardnadze, in an interview published on Friday, said Europe must be assured that another militaristic regime will not arise.

"It is not the idea of German unity itself but the revival of sinister shadows of the past associated with it, as well as a possible growth of militarism, that are met with apprehension in the world," Shevardnadze told a group of Soviet reporters, according to Tass, the official news agency.

"It's necessary to find a method of sounding out public opinion in the most democratic and open way possible, say through an all-European referendum with the participation of the USA and Canada, or at least through wide parliamentary discussions," the foreign minister said.

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Albanian children showing the V-sign during a demonstration in Podujevo town, Yugoslavia demanding Kosovo republic. (Reuter wirephoto)

Appeal for protest

Kosovo govt asked to quit

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Feb 4, (AP): Five ethnic Albanian opposition groups in troubled Kosovo province today called on the provincial government to resign and said up to 300,000 people have signed a declaration supporting their platform.

Veton Surroi, the leader of the Pristina branch of the Union for Democratic Initiative, told reporters that popular petition-style declaration has been "fantastic."

The declaration, issued last week, calls for an end to violence, for multiparty democracy and a dialogue with the authorities to stop what Surroi called "a vicious circle of demonstrations and repression."

He listed the names of what he said were 27 ethnic Albanians killed in clashes with the police in Kosovo in the past 12 days. An official toll published Saturday said 25 had died since the latest round of unrest began Jan 24.

Surroi declared that if the government of Kosovo refuses to resign and be held responsible for the violence it has proven incapable of controlling, then the delegates of the provincial parliament should

OIC to celebrate 20th anniversary in Jeddah

Ghabid to review accomplishments

RIYADH, Feb 4, (Kuna): The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) will celebrate its 20th anniversary Wednesday in Jeddah, Radio Riyadh reported today.

The OIC, which consists of 45 Islamic member states, aims at the realisation and reinforcement of solidarity, integration and co-operation between the members in various fields.

The radio added that the Saudi Mon-

arch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz who is to deliver a speech on this occasion, to the Islamic nation, will deputise the second deputy prime minister and minister of defence and aviation Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz.

Aims

Secretary-general of the CIC Dr Hamed Al Ghabid will also deliver a speech reviewing the accomplishments of

the organisation since its establishment. Eradication of racial discrimination and colonisation, supporting international peace, and security issues, conservation of Islamic holy shrines and supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people and other Islamic nations are also the aims of the OIC.

The main bodies of the OIC include the regular summit conference of Islamic

leaders which is held once every three years and emergency summit conferences as needed by the interest of the Islamic nation as well as the annual conferences of the OIC's foreign ministers besides the general secretariat and other affiliated bodies.

The OIC has held five summit conferences since its establishment till the present, between 1969 and 1984 in Rabat, Lahore, Makkah, Casablanca and Kuwait.

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I WANT to take my annual leave. Suppose I go in the month of April for one month, Friday is equal to four days plus five official holidays, it would be nine days. Can I take a total of 39 days leave? Can official holidays be included while sanctioning annual leave?

Answers.

THIS depends on what has been mentioned in your contract. If it says you are eligible to take "one month" leave as per the contract, it includes Fridays, but not official holidays. But if it says "30 days", it means 30 working days, excluding Fridays and official holidays.

I WAS working with a local company as a part time employee. After two years service, I have resigned. The company paid me annual leave salary only. Please let me know if I am entitled to any other benefits such as gratuity and indemnity. Also, please let me know what are the benefits a worker is entitled to if he is terminated by the employer?

Hatem Khan.

YOU are entitled to receive only leave salary. You are not eligible to receive any other benefits or indemnity because you did not complete five years, and you resigned, therefore, you have no other rights.

If an employee is terminated he is eligible to receive the indemnity, according to labour law rules, that is 15 days pay for the first five years, and one month salary for the subsequent years.

I WORKED as a part time driver in a jewellery shop for the last three years. After coming from vacation, I was terminated without any reason. I have not been given leave pay. I want to know if I am entitled to get my leave salary, service benefits and a notice salary.

P.N.

IF you were terminated without a valid reason, you have the right to claim leave

pay, for the balance of days you did not take leave and, you also have the right to get the notice period salary — 15 days. However, this depends on whether or not you were terminated in violation of article 55 of the Kuwaiti Labour Law.

I CAME to Kuwait on a domestic visa in May, 1977. In November 1987, it was converted to a work permit, no. 18 visa. I still hold the visa no. 18. Recently I went on vacation and overstayed for a week. Because of this, my employer wants to terminate my service. In my case, can I get my residence permit transferred to another sponsor as I have completed more than 10 years?

I live in Khaitan. Please let me know if I come under the Farwaniya governorate or the Hawalli governorate?

Mannan Jinda.

A FOREIGNER must stay on no. 18 visa for 10 years to be eligible to seek a transfer of residence from one sponsor to another before completing three years service.

In your case, your visa was transferred to no. 18 in 1987, which means you have not completed 10 years stay. The previous period of stay is not counted as 10 years of stay. Because you did not complete three years with the present employer, you are not eligible to a transfer of residence either.

According to law no. 156, for 1988, you belong to the Farwaniya governorate.

I AM from Sri Lanka. We are about 110 Sri Lankan workers who came to Kuwait in December 1989 to work for a cleaning company in the city. Our Sri Lankan agent promised us a salary of KD40 plus KD7 for food. But we receive only KD20 plus KD7 per month. We would be grateful if you kindly let us know what the minimum salary

for labourers is according to the Kuwaiti Labour Law.

Sri Lankan cleaners.

THE Kuwaiti law does not fix a minimum salary for labourers; the question of salary is agreed by the employer and employee. In your case, if you can prove, with documents, that you were promised KD40 plus 7, then you can file a case through the ministry of social affairs and labour to get the difference in salary from the date of employment. If you resign because your contractual obligations were not met, you are entitled to benefits. However, it is absolutely necessary that you must have documentary proof, saying you were entitled to KD40 but are getting 50 per cent less.

If the agents in Sri Lanka promised the salary, they must have given you something from the employer, in writing, in the form of a letter from the Kuwaiti employer, if there is no such notice or letter or any document, the agent may have cheated you and you can take action against him according to the law of your country.

I AM a private sector employee. I would like to take up a part-time job to augment my income. Is this allowed under the law? I have found a part-time job but I don't want to do anything illegal, that is why I am seeking your advice. If it is not permitted by the law, please quote the law.

L.S.

YOU don't have the right to work for another employer, according to Kuwaiti labour law rules. It is prohibited, by the law, to work for someone other than your employer. This has been stated in Article 11 and 12 of the Labour Law, March 1989. If you are caught working for a sponsor other than your sponsor, you are liable for deportation. I advise you to be careful.

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Prevent kids from watching TV violence: producer

Positive role models essential in development

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

TELEVISION is a powerful tool and there must be a degree of parental control on what children are allowed to watch, according to Ms. Brown Johnson, executive producer of the US-based network, Nickelodeon.

In a Worldnet dialogue, organised by the USIS, Kuwait, Johnson said "If parents can, they must select the type of shows their children watch."

Johnson believes children must be prevented from seeing too much violent television, because they have a tendency to follow role models, and imitate what they see.

"As a mother I find it frightening (that they might get) anti-social or invaluable messages through television," she said.

Johnson feels television should be "positive" and stimulate creativity. She also said that television should be a medium through which a child can "laugh, relax and feel good about himself."

In the US, she said this was particularly vital because a large majority of children come from broke homes and single parent families, including the stress they face at school. In this background, children need to develop self-confidence and feel good about themselves.

"You must not look down at them, from an adult point of view; you must look at them from their own perspective, portraying them in identifiable situations," she said.

"They must see children on the screen in familiar situations, in

situations that hopefully teach them positive values," she explained. Johnson produces three programmes for the Nickelodeon television network. "Eureka's Castle" is a puppet and cartoon show for preschool children, designed to "comfort these children's anxieties and apprehensions" about starting a new stage in their lives; "Hey Dude," a situation comedy-drama on the theme of how to get along with one another and how to rely on oneself when modern conveniences are not always at hand; and "You Can't Do That On Television," comedy sketches and jokes on themes important to adolescents.

The overall tone is to let young people know that they are growing up and it is perfectly acceptable not to always look pretty or always be happy or follow trends," she commented.

Established in 1979, Nickelodeon is a cable television network, exclusively for children's programmes. It broadcasts more than 50 children programmes to 48 million American homes.

Johnson said most of Nickelodeon's programmes are "children's versions of adult shows," catering to the two to 12 year olds. These include comedies, dramas, talk shows and sitcoms, catering to a "child's fantasy" and curiosity.

Television in today's society is a vital factor, especially as children are introduced to the medium at an early age, often when they are as young as one year old.

She said it is a powerful tool that must be used carefully, inculcating in them moral values, like honesty, and issues like drug addiction.

She said "Violence on television is of concern. Young children



Brown Johnson on Worldnet



Abdel Wahab Sultan



Awatef Al Bader

should not be exposed to violence, and people must be careful about the content of shows."

The Kuwait panel consisted of Abdel Wahab Sultan, director general

of Arabian Gulf States Joint Programme Production Institute (AGS-PPI) and Awatef Al Bader, independent producer and pioneer of children's theatre.

Kelly may find Gulf satisfied with US policy

MANAMA, Feb 4. (AP): US Assistant Secretary of State John H. Kelly, now touring the Gulf region, should find Arab leaders generally satisfied with Washington's policies, US sources said today.

They said Kelly may be asked to assess the impact of anticipated defence budget cuts on American military activities in the Gulf.

But they said neither the prospect of major defence spending cutbacks nor the impending withdrawal of three more US warships from the region were likely now to cause concern among Arab leaders.

Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and South Asia, met over the weekend with officials in Saudi Arabia, the first stop on a tour that will include Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Iraq.

US officials have said that most of the Gulf Arab states, while publicly condemning superpower involvement in the region, privately welcomed US efforts to protect oil sea lanes during the Iran-Iraq war.

But at the same time, some Arab leaders expressed doubt about Washington's resolve to sustain a military commitment so far from American shores.

American forces have been sharply scaled back since the August 1988 ceasefire in the 8-year Gulf war.

Water is thicker than feud

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centrepiece of a major hydroelectric and irrigation project in their impoverished southeastern province.

The 1,460-mile (2,300 km) Euphrates originates in the mountains of eastern Turkey and runs through Syria and Iraq before flowing into the Gulf.

The Turkish action triggered protests in Syria and Iraq, who fear damage to their agriculture and a worsening of international quarrels over scarce water resources.

The Kuwaiti daily said that the overtures were started by Damascus when a Syrian delegation visited Baghdad "to discuss taking a unified stand over the Euphrates issue."

The daily said Baghdad and Damascus adopted as their blueprint a legal study by the late Salah Al Tarazi of Syria on the rights of Iraq and Syria to the Euphrates waters.

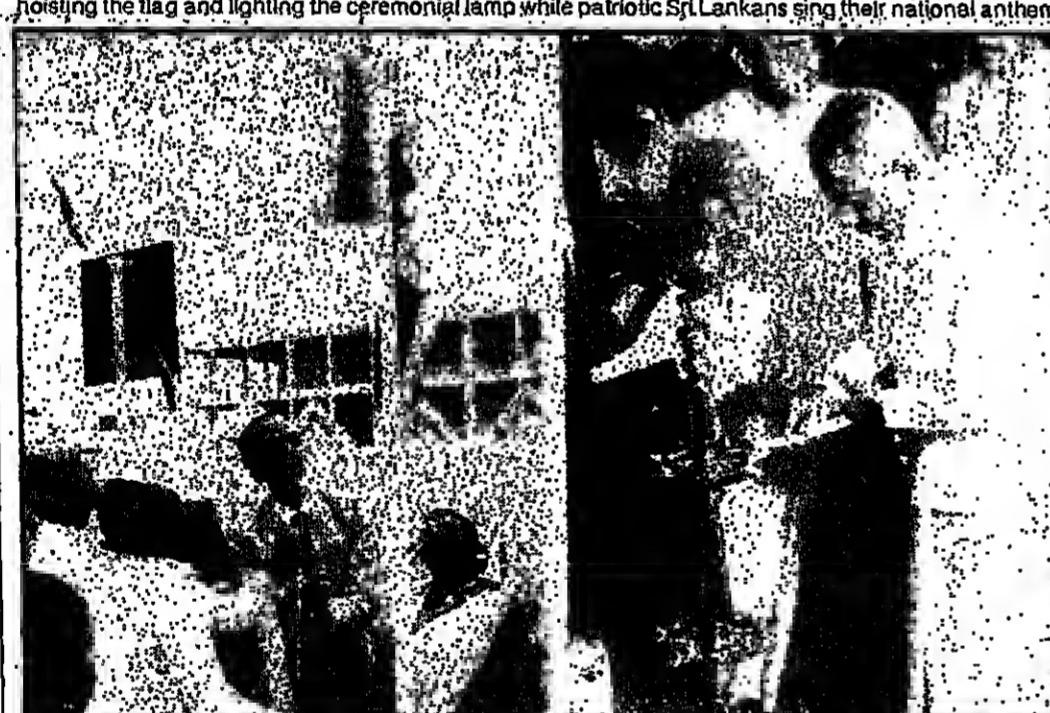
Al Tarazi was Syria's permanent delegate at the United Nations before he was chosen as a judge at the International Court in The Hague.

"Though the discussions were confined to the Euphrates waters, they indicate an imminent improvement in relations between the two countries at a time when both Iraq and Syria are preparing for a period of domestic openness," the paper quoted one of its sources as saying.



Sri Lankans celebrate National Day

The Sri Lankan community in Kuwait yesterday celebrated their country's National Day. A large number of Sri Lankans turned out for the flag-hoisting ceremony. Pictures shows Ambassador Latif Sherifideen (below) hoisting the flag and lighting the ceremonial lamp while patriotic Sri Lankans sing their national anthem.



Arabs unlikely to restore ties with S. Africa

ABU DHABI, Feb 4. (AP): Arab countries are unlikely to resume ties with South Africa despite the lifting of a ban on the African National Congress, officials said today.

Arab governments are cautiously satisfied with moves to ease apartheid but a restoration of ties remains ruled out until Pretoria fundamentally changes its policy toward Israel, they said.

The Arab states had initially boycotted South Africa because of the racist regime and because of that regime's close co-operation with Israel, especially in matters hurting our (Arab) nation," said a senior official at the United Arab Emirates Foreign Ministry.

The official was replying to a question about possible diplomatic ties with South Africa after Pretoria removed the ban on the ANC and promised to release Nelson Mandela.

Israel and South Africa reportedly have co-operated in the development of their nuclear capabilities, and have economic and political links.

Manoeuvre

The official, noting that the ANC has been waging a 30-year guerrilla war against white rule in South Africa, also said:

"I believe that what is now going on in South Africa is a kind of manoeuvre by the white minority government, as I don't think they will

surrender so easily."

Pretoria's recognition of the opposition parties did not mean reconciliation, he said, giving as an example the United States' year-old dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"The US recognition of the PLO did not mean reconciliation as it (Washington's) still places obstacles in the way of the PLO participation in peace talks," he said.

Diplomatic sources, who also could not be named under their embassy rules, said the news from South Africa was welcome but that it was premature to comment upon.

"There are good reasons to be optimistic at seeing reform in South Africa, but it is too soon to be optimistic," said an Arab diplomat.

The nations of the 22-member Arab League are officially pledged to a political and economic boycott of Israel because of the unresolved Palestinian problems and South Africa because of its policy of apartheid.

Only Egypt broke ranks over Israel when it signed a peace treaty with the Jewish state in 1979 after regaining its occupied Sinai Peninsula.

No Arab national except in the case of Egypt with Israel, is permitted to travel to Israel or South Africa and an economic boycott, enforced by special league organs, bans trade with the two regimes.

Arab conference on aviation culture opens

KUWAIT, Feb 4. (Kuna): The Second Arab Conference on Aviation Culture opened here today with delegations of several Arab aviation organisations taking part.

Addressing the inaugural session, board chairman of the International Organisation for Aviation Culture (IOAC), Kamal Najeel praised the outstanding role being played by the Arab Organisation for Aviation Culture and its various efforts and activities on the globe since its establishment in 1986.

He said the era of the '80s had witnessed a great advancement in space and aviation sciences and Arab organisations were required to initiate necessary arrangements to counter the challenges of the current decade

to cope with progress in this field.

Najeel stated that the Arab Union for Air Transport is at the present time, discussing the challenges of the '90s and studying its impact on the industry in the Arab world, noting that the union's efforts in this regard were taken behind closed doors.

He said people were not aware of the activities of the organisation and added that this fact was conceded by the Arab organisation for aviation culture which envisages holding enlightenment efforts through the media to highlight future plans.

The IOAC chairman called on Arab countries to negotiate "as one bloc" with the European group to deal on an equal footing and just basis for achieving interests of Arab countries in free markets and stations where their

conferences went in working session immediately after the opening meeting to discuss topics on the agenda.

ACO re-elects Kuwaiti official

MARRAKESH, Feb 4. (Kuna): Abdul Aziz Yousef Al Adsani from Kuwait, was unanimously re-elected as secretary-general of the Arab Cities Organisation (ACO), it was announced here yesterday.

Abdullah Al Ali Al Na'aim was also re-elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Arab Institute for Cities' Governors for the next two sessions.

The two have been re-elected at the meetings of the 9th conference of the ACO which wound up its deliberations yesterday.

The conference has adopted a host of recommendations and resolutions dealing with the activities of the organisation, and has emphasised dialogue and consultation for the development of Arab cities.

MANAMA, Feb 4. (GNA): Manama will host the first working seminar in the Gulf during the month of March under the patronage of the minister of state for cabinet affairs Yousef Ahmad Al Sherawi to discuss means to encourage investment in joint GCC projects.

Senior businessmen and industrialists in addition to director of Licensing Department and officials operating in the investment sectors at GCC ministries and public authorities as well as representatives from the UN development programme and the Gulf Industrial Consultations Organisation Dr Abdullah Hasan Al Moajel.

Feasibility study

Sources close to the investment department at the Gulf Investment Establishment were quoted by the paper as saying that Dr Jasem Al Mana'i, head of the department, would submit a report detailing the results of twenty pre-final economic feasibility studies made on potential GCC joint projects.

The paper added that the study results showed that 15 projects had special financial attraction of varying levels, which would render the remaining projects of special appeal to government circles to solicit the necessary support, such as customs protection of small industries.

The Gulf Investment Establishment, the paper continued, revealed that Bahrain currently hosted 58 joint projects which formed the largest of the total joint projects currently under implementation of which were the Gulf Air, Bahrain Aluminium Company, while 56 projects resided with the banking sector.

Conference for joint investments

Manama to play host

Rain! Rain! Rain!

Umbrellas from the attic were brought out as residents and nationals in Kuwait celebrated rain in Kuwait. For a better part of yesterday, the country faced a slushy, gray dull day with rainfall recorded at 3.4 mm. Today, weather experts said there is a "good chance" for rain.

The man was presumed lost about ten days ago with his relative Salem Al Haggan during a sea outing.

Frogmen recovered the body of Salem from the sea near Bint Jbeil area last Sunday. The deceased was a captain in the Kuwait Army, 36-year-old, married with four children.

Abdulla who is 28-years old and single works as L/Corporal at the National Guard.

Meanwhile a Filipino woman in her 40s was killed in a road accident on Saturday.

The accident occurred on the road that separates Kifan from Shamiya area. According to the report, the victim was sitting besides the driver in a small car when it collided with an American car.

The victim died instantly, but the driver of her car was hospitalised and the driver of the American car was not injured.

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Influence undergoes trial

Baker starts diplomatic foray

WASHINGTON, (AP): As revolutions rock East Europe and some Germans demand reunion, US Secretary of State James Baker embarks on a diplomatic journey this week that tests the superpowers' influence on the fast-paced events.

In Baker's bulging briefcase are a dozen tough problems, ranging from the German issue and the sometimes nasty turns the changes in Eastern Europe have taken, to the lingering 12-year war in Afghanistan between the Soviet-backed Marxist government and Western-backed Muslim rebels.

The centrepiece of Baker's nine-day trip, which begins this evening, is a face-to-face session with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev towards the end of the week in Moscow. That will give Baker a firsthand account of the course the Kremlin is taking on German reunification and of how Gorbachev is addressing Soviet political and economic problems.

Surrender

Rumours last week that Gorbachev might surrender his post as general secretary of the Communist Party at a Central Committee meeting today and tomorrow renewed US interest in his personal fate and the course of Soviet reform.

Baker and President George Bush, both whom have hailed Gorbachev and his reforms, are making a calculated effort to bolster the Soviet leader as he tries to overcome resistance to his programme of perestroika.

Baker is taking new offers of technical co-operation to Moscow, and in three days of talks with Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze hopes to remove some of the remaining roadblocks to completion of a treaty to reduce US and Soviet long-range nuclear missiles, submarines and bombers by 30 per cent to 50 per cent.

The idea is to have a treaty ready for Bush and Gorbachev to sign at a Washington summit meeting in June. Baker's talks with Shevardnadze, which begin Wednesday night, are intended as preparations for the event.

Baker also is prepared to extend the promise of trade privileges, provided the Soviets codify their recent easing of emigration restrictions.

At the same time, though, the Bush administration has to assess ways of encouraging democratic trends in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the event Gorbachev's powers ebb.

There seems to be little doubt, however, that the Bush-Baker team is determined to co-operate with Gorbachev. The question that hangs over Baker's mission, apart from the slow response of the Soviet economy, is how much influence the two superpowers working together can have on world events.

The accelerating drive by East and West Germans to form one country again — and the tremors this causes among some Europeans — apparently is only slightly responsive to US and Soviet wishes.

Opposition

Gorbachev last week softened his opposition, saying unification was not in doubt but must come as part of a revision of Europe's political and military structure.

But West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Saturday flatly rejected a Soviet proposal that Europeans and North Americans vote on whether German unity should be allowed.

Baker, meanwhile, reiterated US support for reunification but steered clear of picking and choosing among the approaches that have surfaced.

Among them is one by Hans Modrow, the East German Premier, for a neutral, single state that would belong neither to Nato nor to the Warsaw Pact, and another by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher that would keep Germany in Nato but leave the East German region demilitarized.

Baker met with Genscher on Friday night on the German question and planned a session with French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas at Shannon airport in Ireland early tomorrow while Baker's jet is being refuelled.

Transition

Pursuing a fast pace, Baker will then fly to Prague for 27 hours in the capital of Czechoslovakia, the Central European ally of the Soviet Union that is in the midst of an untroubled transition to democracy.

During that brief visit Baker will meet with President Vaclav Havel and other leaders of the new government and make a speech in which he is expected to strengthen his qualified endorsement of a 35-nation European summit meeting this year — a Gorbachev formula for easing East-West tensions.

Bush set the tone for Baker's trip in his State of the Union speech with a proposal to cut US and Soviet troops in Europe to 225,000 with a limit of 195,000 in Central Europe.

That meshes with calls on Gorbachev by Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary to remove Soviet forces — and with Gorbachev's apparent willingness to comply — while leaving tens of thousands in East Germany.

On Saturday, at the end of his Moscow visit, Baker will make an unprecedented appearance and answer questions before the 44-member international affairs committee of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's chief legislative body.

He will make a brief opening statement and then answer questions for 90 minutes in the presence of US and Soviet reporters.

On the way home, Baker will stop in Ottawa, Canada, to attend a meeting Feb 12-13 of Nato and Warsaw Pact officials to discuss an "open skies" proposal that would open US and Soviet territory to overflights.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1500 — Ludovico Sforza, with aid of German and Swiss mercenaries, recovers Milan from French.
- 1556 — Truce is signed between France's King Henry II and Spain's King Philip II.
- 1679 — Peace of Nijmegen between Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I and France's King Louis XIV.
- 1783 — Spanish forces capture Minorca island, off Spain, from British.
- 1792 — Tipu Sultan of Mysore, India, is defeated in war with British and Hyderabad, cedes half of Mysore to British.
- 1811 — King George III's insanity necessitates British regency act whereby Prince of Wales becomes prince regent.
- 1818 — United States signs treaties of friendship with Denmark and Portugal.
- 1885 — Coorg state is established under Belgium's King Leopold II as personal possession.
- 1917 — Mexico becomes a federated republic of 28 states.
- 1945 — US troops under General Douglas MacArthur enter Manila, Philippines, in World War II.
- 1958 — North Korea proposes withdrawal of all foreign troops from North and South Korea.
- 1962 — France's president Charles de Gaulle calls for independence for Algeria on basis of friendly co-operation with France.
- 1971 — US Apollo 14 astronauts land on moon.
- 1976 — Earthquake in Guatemala takes almost 23,000 lives.
- 1988 — About 200 Arab protesters raise outlawed Palestinian flag and burn rocks at Israeli riot police at holy Islamic site in occupied Jerusalem.
- 1989 — Algeria's president proposes new national constitution, dropping references to socialism and opening door to a multi-party system.

World's most influential prisoner

Mandela: symbol of defiance

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP): Nelson Mandela, given a life sentence for plotting sabotage to overthrow the South African government, became the world's most influential prisoner during what he described as "long, lonely, wasted years."

Unheard and unseen by the public since 1962, he nevertheless came to be the most admired leader among South African blacks, who consider him the embodiment of their quest for political freedom.

In the past, Mandela, 71, has rejected the government's repeated offers to release him if he would renounce violence or live in a tribal homeland. He said the government should renounce violence, end apartheid and banish his movement — the African National Congress.

On Friday in Cape Town, President F.W. De Klerk declared that the ANC was legal again and said Mandela soon would be freed unconditionally.

After Mandela's historic meeting July 5, 1989, with president P.W. Botha, a statement by the ANC leader was released by the prisons service and broadcast on government-run radio and television.

He said he had not deviated "from the position I have taken over the past 28 years, namely that dialogue with the Mass Democratic Movement and, in particular, with the African National Congress, is the only way of ending violence and bringing peace to our country."

Contribute

"I only would like to contribute to the creation of a climate which would promote peace in South Africa," Mandela said.

De Klerk replaced Botha in August, 1989, and met with Mandela at his Cape Town office on Dec 13, 1989, amid intense expectations that the prisoner would be freed in the new year.

Mandela regularly has entertained his family and streams of friends in a comfortable house at the Victor Verster prison farm in the wine-growing region of Paarl. He had been transferred there on Dec 6, 1988, after recovering from tuberculosis contracted at Pollsmoor prison in Cape Town in August.

Expectations of his release had been raised before, but each time the government balked at freeing the many blacks believed should be their president.

Former information minister Stoffel Van der Merwe said in July 1988 that Mandela had served enough time to pay for his crimes and that the only thing keeping him in prison was the government's uncertainty about the effect he would have on politics and national security.

It was a tacit admission of what Botha had denied for years — that Mandela was a political prisoner.

In 1985, Botha had allowed Zindzi Mandela to read her father's response to the latest offer of conditional release before a crowd in Soweto, the township outside Johannesburg where Mandela had rented a home since the 1940s.

"Only free men can negotiate. Prisoners cannot enter into contracts," Mandela said. "I cherish my own freedom dearly but I care even more for your freedom. Too many have died since I went to prison. Too many have suffered for the love of freedom... not only I have suffered during these long, lonely, wasted years."

During his imprisonment Mandela was regarded as leader of the African National Congress, although the highest office he held before it was banned in 1960 was deputy president-general.

He was the first commander of its military wing, "Spear of the Nation," which he helped form in 1961 to engage in a programme of sabotage against South Africa's white-ruled government.

He subsequently toured Africa, receiving military training and explaining the ANC's cause. He was arrested after his return, in 1962, and sentenced to five years' hard labour for leaving the country illegally and inciting blacks to violate the law by striking.

Mandela told the court that when his sentence was ended he would "take up again, as best I can, the struggle for the removal of those injustices until they



Mandela soon to be released

are finally abolished once and for all."

"I have no doubt that posterity will pronounce that I was innocent, and that the criminals that should have been brought before this court are the members of the ... government," he said.

In July 1963, while Mandela was at the Robben Island maximum security prison near Cape Town, police uncovered the ANC's underground headquarters on a farm near Johannesburg and seized documents outlining plans for the guerrilla campaign, including Mandela's diary.

In June 1964, he and seven co-defendants were sentenced to life in prison.

Sabotage

"I do not deny that I planned sabotage," he said in his statement from the dock. "I did not plan it in a spirit of recklessness, nor because I have any love of violence. I planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the political situation that had arisen after years of tyranny, exploitation and oppression of my people by whites."

He said he "cherished the ideal of democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities... it is an ideal which I hope to live and achieve, but if need be an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

His wife, Winnie, jailed or banished through much of his imprisonment, said, "in each and every single letter he has written over the past 20 years and in each and every visit, he has always been confident that he will come out and lead his people to liberation."

During most of his 18 years on Robben Island, Mandela endured substandard food, deprivation of news and reading material, and hard labour that

included gathering seaweed and smashing rock. Yet he often wrote his wife that the hardest thing to endure was the treatment she received.

He wrote that he sometimes wondered "whether any kind of commitment can ever be sufficient excuse for abandoning a young and inexperienced woman in a pitiless desert."

In April 1982, Mandela and five colleagues were transferred to Pollsmoor prison in a white suburb outside Cape Town. They shared a large cell where Mandela cultivated a vegetable garden and complained about the conditions. He was allowed to pursue his studies for an advanced law degree, which he received in early 1989, and eventually began receiving uncensored newspapers and radio reports.

Mandela's communications with his wife and family were restricted to 40-minute visits and one 500-word letter per month, monitored to make sure only family matters were discussed. On May 12, 1984, Mandela and his wife were allowed to embrace for the first time in 22 years.

Mandela was born July 18, 1918, the son of a tribal chief, and received a relatively privileged upbringing in Transkei, a Xhosa homeland the government has declared an independent republic. He attended Methodist schools and was admitted to the black university of Fort Hare in 1938, but was expelled in 1940 for leading a student strike with Oliver Tambo, now the ANC's exiled president.

To avoid an arranged tribal marriage, Mandela fled to Johannesburg, where he worked as a policeman at a gold mine, as a law clerk, and for a real estate agency run by Walter Sisulu, later to be imprisoned with him. Mandela boxed as a heavyweight and studied law at the predominantly white University of the Witwatersrand.

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At first those who arrive are absorbed into the homes of their relatives, who share with them the little they have," Marin Okerruk, the Spas' civilian administrator in Kajo Kali, told Reuters.

But there are no food stocks, the hospital is closed and the Spas in Kajo Kali does not even have a vehicle.

The United Nations plans to repeat its 1989 Lifeline Sudan relief plan to prevent famine in the south this year.

But a donors' conference to raise funds for 90,000 tonnes of food to be delivered to needy people in both government and rebel-held areas was put off from November to February.

Relief agencies say the delay in organising the conference means they will lose opportunities to transport food cheaply by overland routes during the dry season.

Flying it in is up to 10 times more expensive.

UN officials in Nairobi complain their relief operations have been hamstrung by the Sudanese government's ban on relief flights, imposed after the air force began bombing rebel-held towns three months ago.

Since everybody in this world is thinking about the future and making efforts to go forward, it's amazing that our country thinks it needs a huge amount of loans.

We request the PIA management to take suggestions from the Pakistan community before undertaking any change. It looks as if the organisation doesn't want their country's flag up. We all hate what PIA has done because it degrades Pakistan. Please do make us proud.

Jawaid Iqbal,
Kuwait.

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Letters to the editor

Simply disgraceful

SIR: This is with reference to the Pakistan People's Club news which appeared in your newspaper dated Jan 30.

One does not need to spend more than 42 years of his life outside Pakistan to realise that there is poverty in Pakistan.

What a way to gain some cheap publicity!

Perhaps it is more surprising that a self-proclaimed Pakistani politician took 42 years to discover the poor in Pakistan and would like to do something to save these poor Pakistanis.

It seems the gentleman even does not understand that poverty is a common problem in underdeveloped countries and Pakistan is not an exception to it. The government back in Pakistan is trying its best to provide the basic needs of every citizen with dignity and graceful manner. And through your columns I would like to inform such persons that Pakistan has never ever made such fund-raising public appeals to support its more than 100 million population during the 43-year history of her independence. As such, it is beyond truth that the Pakistan government would approve and even tolerate such appeal by a group of so-called social workers cum immature politicians.

They even don't realise by giving such an exposure to Pakistan what disgrace they have brought to the dignity of a nation of 100 million people.

The credibility in Kuwait of both the groups of People's Club is also in doubt.

Issuing such fund collection appeals in presence of the Pakistan embassy officials in a general public meeting makes things more complicated for a person like me to understand the underlying motive. One should be careful while staying in a foreign country and particularly in the present political circumstances back in Pakistan.

This news can be interpreted in very different ways.

May I seek the following clarification:

* What is the original source of this fund collection idea? Who authorised them to make such a disgraceful public appeal on behalf of the Pakistani community?

* Is it an international fund-raising campaign or is it only for Kuwait?

* What project do they have in mind to help the poor of Pakistan?

* What is the estimated amount they would like to collect? And how much have they collected?

* How and by whom are the funds going to be handled here in Kuwait?

* To whom are they going to transfer these funds back in Pakistan?

* What are their criteria for judging whether one is poor or not?

Name and address supplied.

Wake up!

SIR: I recently took my children to one of the circuses in town. The performers did a great job and gave an energy-filled show! I am not cashing in on them.

My concern lies with the people who have a say about local entertainment.

As an American Muslim, I feel disappointed that Kuwait Muslims don't think enough of themselves to ask that costumes be slightly altered for a Muslim audience.

The circus I went to appeared to be from an Eastern European country where French-cut leotards and bikini tops are perfectly normal circus attire. However, it is against Islamic principles of modesty for women to be uncovered to that extent and even my 5-year-old daughter knows that. When the snake-wielding belly dancer came out she said, "I'm not going to laugh because it's a shame." And it is, but most grown-ups appear to be afraid to speak their mind for fear of being called backward or fanatical.</

Saudi media deplore Iran terror

NICOSIA, Feb 4. (Reuters): Saudi Arabian newspapers said today that seven months after the death of Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, terrorism was still part of Tehran's foreign policy.

It was the first attack by the government-controlled Saudi media on Iran for several months, dashing hopes that relations broken two years ago would soon be restored.

The newspapers were commenting on a call by over 100 West European parliamentarians on Friday for Iran to be

Rebels rain 8 rockets on Kabul

KABUL, Feb. 4. (Agencies): Mujahideen rebels rained eight rockets on the Afghan capital yesterday but casualties were reported to be light.

The official Bakhtar information agency in a report on Sunday said the rockets were fired at residential areas of the city "wounding five persons and inflicting military losses as well."

One of the rockets hit an empty house near a government television station on top of a peak, witnesses said.

The agency said six of the rockets were long-range missiles containing Cluster bombs with delayed time fuses and anti-personnel mines.

Kabul claims the sophisticated missiles have been supplied by the United States and Pakistan to the Afghan rebels to create "mass murder and wreak havoc and terror in the cities."

The information agency said anti-personnel mines scattered by the missiles were defused by security forces.

"Soviet" Send missiles targeted on suspected rebel mountain strongholds, were heard streaking out from a Kabul military base in apparent retaliation for the attack.

It was the heaviest attack against Kabul since Wednesday when a car bomb explosion in the city centre killed six people and injured 122, according to official statistics.

Since the car bomb has been security in the capital has been tightened.

There are more police in the streets and more military checkpoints and vehicles are thoroughly searched before being allowed to enter main streets.

A government spokesman told reporters yesterday that in the previous 72 hours 31 rebels were killed and 46 wounded by Kabul garrison troops in mopping up operations south of the city.

Diplomats expect rebels to step up their rocket attacks against major cities in the days leading to the first anniversary on February 15 of the Soviet troops pullout from Afghanistan.

A leader of Afghanistan's government in exile, Abdul Rasoul Sayyaf, left yesterday for Qatar in quest of Islamic aid to help wrest control of Kabul from the government.

Abdul Rasoul Sayyaf, who is prime minister in the exile government, said mujahideen forces "are achieving victories—despite the meager military resources at their disposal," the Gulf News agency reported.

Sayyaf, who also has visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, leader of the Ittehad-i-Islami Party. He is accompanied by reconstruction, interior and defence "ministers" who represent other parties included in the seven-party provisional government.

Mohammed Saeed Hashed, adviser to the defence minister and secretary of the Harkat-e-Inqilab Islami Afghanistan Party said that Islamic aid be diminished after "exaggerated press reports about inter-mujahideen fighting."

An Afghan tribal meeting of more than 15,000 refugees condemned Afghan rebel leaders yesterday and called for the return of former King Zahir Shah from exile to lead them.

Zahir Shah, who lives in Rome, has said he is willing to play a role in Afghanistan only if supported by the majority of Afghans.

Syria to allow political parties

KUWAIT, Feb 4. (Kunia): Syrian will witness shortly political openness under which different parties will be permitted to resume their activities and issue their own newspapers, press reports said here today.

A Kuwaiti daily newspaper said today the Syrian capital will witness this month a gathering for all parties and political forces during which a declaration legalising their parties' activities is expected.

Meanwhile another Kuwaiti daily quoted unidentified Syrian sources as saying that the Syrian leadership has permitted the establishment of a number of new political parties.

expelled from the United Nations, saying a government that had executed 90,000 people was not worthy of a seat.

Form

"Terrorism has become a clear form of the Iranian regime's foreign policy," a Jeddah-based newspaper said.

"His (Khomeini) successors have used terrorism as a language in a bid to impose certain twisted concepts on their foreign policy," Al Yom said.

Al Madinah newspaper said Tehran was

responsible for a series of murders, hijackings and other violent acts "spreading havoc, tension and fear in more than one part of the world."

Attack

The editorials carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency (SPA) received in Cyprus made no link between the charges and the killing of three Saudi embassy staff in Bangkok on Thursday.

King Fahd on Saturday said the attack would not make Saudi Arabia change its

policy on terrorism.

"History has shown that terrorism and those behind it will be met with failure and defeat," SPA quoted him as saying.

Saudi Arabia cut ties with Iran in 1983, one year after more than 400 people, mainly Iranian pilgrims, were killed in clashes with Saudi security forces during demonstrations at the annual pilgrimage.

The election of Iranian President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani last year fuelled speculation that Saudi-Iranian relations would improve.



Journalists beaten

Police clubbed news photographers, injuring five of them, while trying to disperse protesters on Saturday after the funeral of an assassinated leftist.

Thousands packed the funeral of Muammer Aksay, head of Turkey's Law Association and a moderate leftist, who was shot by unidentified gunmen on Wednesday evening.

Police ordered about 7,000 demonstrators protesting the killing to disperse as the law professor's coffin was placed in a hearse to be taken to the cemetery. (Reuters wirephoto)

The demonstrators started throwing stones at the police. Photographers trying to take pictures of the scene were hit and clubbed by the police, reporters at the scene said. They were treated at a local hospital.

No demonstrators were injured.

The association of Turkish Press Photographers denounced the police behaviour.

Picture shows the policemen lead away an injured journalist beaten by riot police during the clash. (Reuters wirephoto)

courses, the chart includes full details about the PLO's activities there.

The source said that senior officers in that country had informed Palestinian leaders of the issue and warned them that Israel is striving to conclude similar steps with other Eastern bloc countries.

Lately, a military co-operation agreement was reached between the Eastern bloc country and Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens leaves for Prague, Czechoslovakia, Thursday on a three-day visit during which Tel Aviv and Prague will restore diplomatic relations, Radio Israel reported today.

The radio said that Arens will sign an agreement with his Czechoslovak counterpart Jaromir Johan on Feb 8 on the restoration of diplomatic relations.

Aren's full chart with the names of Palestinians who had received military training

Lebanon for Lebanese: Dole

Special US envoy to Beirut proposed

LOS ANGELES, Feb 4. (Agencies): Senate Republican leader Bob Dole called yesterday for US diplomatic pressure on Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon and said all other forces including Israel's should stay out of Lebanon as well.

"Lebanon belongs to the Lebanese—not to the Syrians, not to the Iranians and not to the Israelis, either," Dole said.

He made the comments in a speech prepared for delivery to the American task force for Lebanon, which was presenting him its Man of the Year award.

Dole said a special US envoy should be appointed to deal with Lebanon matters to "make it clear that the United States is serious about Lebanon."

He urged the Arab League to seek a timetable for withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon and said US diplomacy should be used to help get Syrian forces out.

"We can't continue to sit this one out," Dole said. "We must step up our direct diplomacy—our pressure—is on Syria."

But Dole said the biggest barrier to a solution in Lebanon was not Syrian and other foreign intervention but Lebanese factions' unwillingness to seek a solution.

He appealed to all Lebanese leaders to "end the killing, join together with a unified demand

for the withdrawal of all foreign forces, and go on in a spirit of patriotism and not factionalism to a serious dialogue about the political future of Lebanon."

"For too many in Washington, Lebanon has fallen off the screen. The only 'issues list' that it tops is the list of those issues to avoid in the future," the senator said.

Dole is the most powerful

member of the President's party in the Senate, which is controlled by the opposition Democrats.

Dole said that factional strife among Christians in East Beirut, together with the continued presence of Syrian forces, does not point toward a peaceful resolution.

"Lebanon's long night of death and destruction continues," he said.

For foreigners accused

Turning Red Sea into war zone

ADDIS ABABA, Feb 4. (Agencies): President Mengistu Haile Mariam has accused unidentified foreign powers of "turning the Red Sea into a zone of war and destruction," the official news agency reported today.

The Ethiopian news agency said Mengistu also accused these powers of "attempting to delineate the direction of our foreign policy and massively arming our enemies."

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tries but the Ethiopian people have been repaid with enmity and open invasion and when this was not possible by the massive arming of proxy states," Mengistu said.

This was an apparent reference to Sudan, which depends heavily on the waters of the Nile River for irrigation.

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"Our group is fighting vice by breaking up weddings where alcohol is served and

where belly dancers perform," Mahmoud El Khodari, a 30-year-old Cairo car mechanic and Muslim fundamentalist leader, told the Egyptian daily Gomhouria.

Several hundred Egyptian, Turkish, Syrian and Lebanese women, using finger cymbals and wearing costumes decorated with coins, still perform the art in Cairo nightclubs. But the government, bowing to pressure from Muslim fundamentalists last year, agreed to bar belly dancing from television.

"We go to the home of each one of the six hundred or so belly dancers, and whip each one of them to make them abandon their business for good," he said.

"Although belly dancing—a series of abdominal and pelvic gyrations—is thought to have originated in Persia and remains popular in many Mideast countries, Islamic fundamentalists believe it is sinful because the Holy Quran, dictates a woman should expose herself only to her husband."

In the Cairo district of Andalus, where famous belly dancing nightspots abound, dancers and nightclub owners dismissed the fundamentalist calls for them to abandon their art.

"Ask a mafya (official expounder of Islamic law) whether belly-dancing is sinful or not," one nightclub owner said. "But I can tell you that belly dancing is so deeply rooted in our cultural tradition, no one can remove it."

Intifada to stay unarmed: PLO

Jews won't be flown to Israel, Soviets assure

TUNIS, Feb 4. (Agencies): One of the main leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation said yesterday the PLO would not change its strategy of unarmed uprising against Israeli authority in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Nayef Hawatmeh, secretary-general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, also said a ranking Soviet official assured the PLO that Jews leaving the Soviet Union would no longer be flown directly non-stop to Tel Aviv.

Hawatmeh, speaking to reporters after a three-day meeting of the PLO's Executive Committee at its headquarters in Tunis, said the organisation "remains committed to its engagement not to use firearms in the occupied Gaza Strip or the West Bank."

"Our aim is the intifada (uprising) of the Palestinian people who are following it in a peaceful way, throwing stones and Molotov cocktails," the Marxist group's leader said.

This raised hopes that the foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and the United States could meet soon to make preparations for the first Israeli-Palestinian talks, which would probably take place in Cairo.

Meanwhile, China's Foreign Ministry said yesterday it was "gravely concerned over the recent massive emigration to the Israeli occupied Arab territory."

China condemns Israeli authorities for dispersing Palestinians to the West Bank and their proposed establishment of a "greater Israel," the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry's statement said China is opposed to any attempt by Israel to change the status of the occupied territory by establishing settlements there. Such moves are detrimental to the Mideast peace process, it said.

Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, the Saudi second deputy premier, minister of defence, aviation and inspector-general of the armed forces, has called for a unified Arab position to face the dangers posed by the increasing emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

His remarks came in an interview published in the latest issue of the London-based Arab weekly magazine, Al Hayat, and carried by the Saudi Press Agency.

Asked how he felt about the US and Egyptian peace proposals, Arens said they appeared to derive from government decisions "but if such proposals exist, they must be brought to the inner cabinet."

About rumours he and Shamir already accepted the proposals, he said: "Don't believe the rumours, even if they are persistent rumours."

"Sources in the United States, Israel and Egypt have said Baker may schedule the meeting as soon as next weekend, either in Geneva or Vienna."

A senior United States official said after talks with Saudi Arabian officials today he was cautiously optimistic that Middle East peace moves would move forward.

"The process will take time, but a solid offer has been made, and the United States is determined to do all it can to assist the negotiations," John Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, said in a statement sent to Reuters in Cyprus.

Israeli troops arrested at least 100 Palestinians in the West Bank yesterday in a search for activists in a two-year-old uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

The army said raids to capture activists were conducted in Ramallah, Kalandia, El Bireh and surrounding areas and curfews had been imposed.

In Nur Champs refugee camp near Tulkarm in the West Bank a Palestinian woman was killed apparently for collaborating with occupation authorities, Israel television said.

Israel radio said troops ordered all men in Kalandia to a central school for identity checks.

Palestinian sources said troops also raided Beit Jalla near Bethlehem overnight.

Israeli policemen search and arrest two Palestinian youths in Arab East Jerusalem. An Israeli border policeman looks on. Israeli troops arrested tens of Palestinians in raids in the West Bank as they searched for Palestinian activists. (Reuters wirephoto)



Gennady Tarassov



Nayef Hawatmeh

line was part of a deal between the Soviet Union, the US and Israel.

"All indications show that such an emigration is part of an Israeli-American-Soviet deal and the stands of the three parties prove that," the Dubai-based Al Hayat said.

Clung such stands, it said Israel was seeking contracts with airlines from East Europe to accelerate the exodus of Soviet Jews before Arabs could have the chance to press Moscow to revise such steps have no hope."

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He warned that Israel will make the new wave of immigration a pretext to expel Arab residents from the occupied territories and establish settlements for the new huge number of immigrants.

A United Arab Emirates newspaper said today a mass influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palesti-

nian lands would not stop until the end of the week.

"In collaboration with forces in Lebanon, we are continuing to harass Israeli troops who are

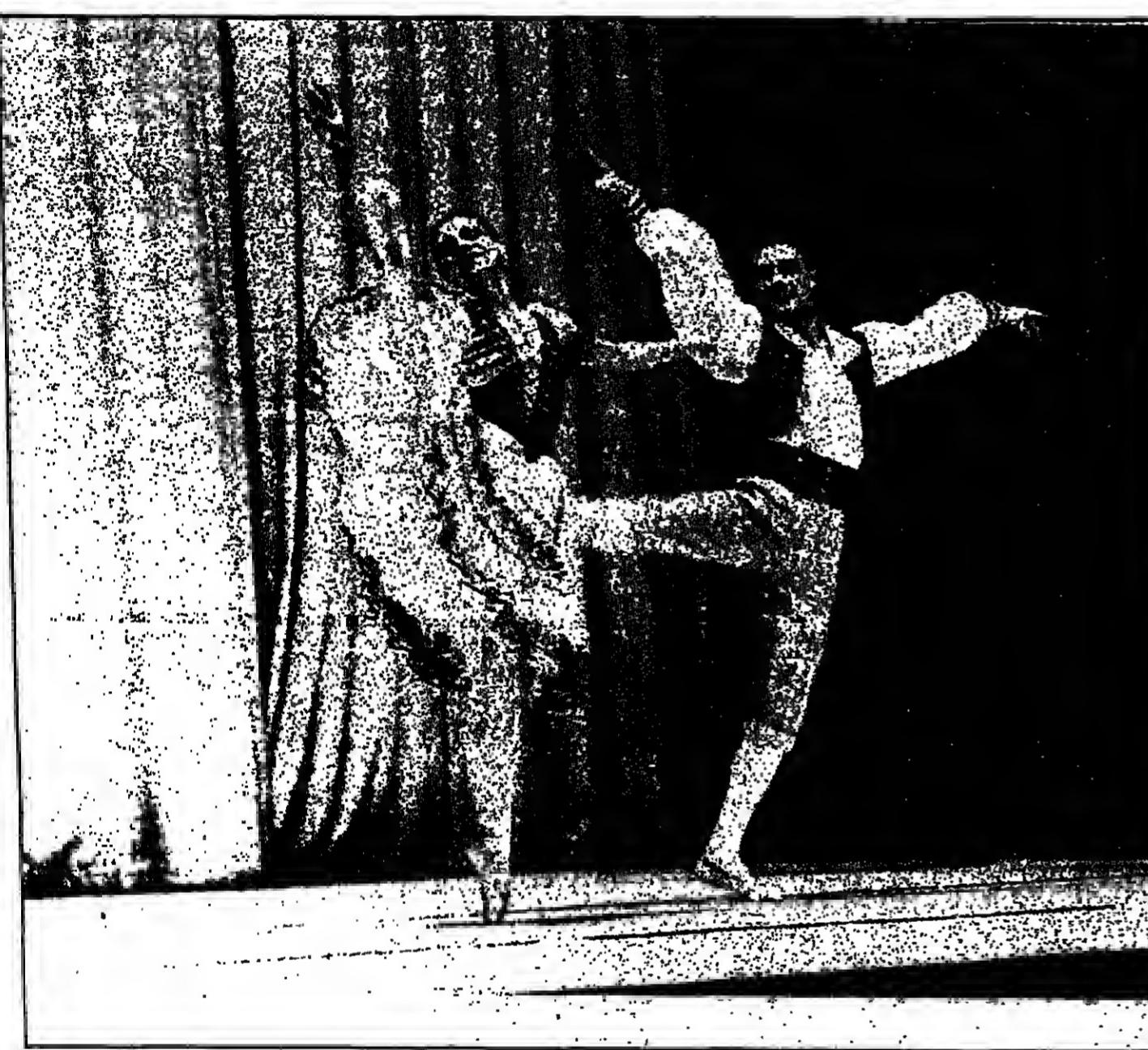
occupying southern Lebanon."

Hawatmeh said the PLO's discussions with special Soviet envoy Gennady Tarassov on the question of the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel were very positive.

"The Soviets assured us they would stop all direct flights between Moscow and Tel Aviv, a method that leaves no other choice of destination for Soviet Jewish emigration candidates," Hawatmeh said. A stop in Vienna, he said by way of example, would allow these immigrants a freedom of choice.

He said the United States was behind the problem.

EVENTS



Graceful and elegant dancers of the Russian Ballet Company of Moscow.

Russian dancers amaze audience

By Diana Abou Haldar
Arab Times staff

RUSSIAN dancers tiptoed their way into the hearts of their audiences at Al Andalus theatre Friday and Saturday night.

The Russian Ballet Company of Moscow presented a delightful series of excerpts from various classical ballets in addition to a number of contemporary dances.

Although the stage lacked setting, dan-

cers were able to transfer the audience into a land of fantasy where words are not needed. Graceful movements and splendid music told stories of broken hearts, playful love, Tartar raids and gypsy life.

Star soloist, Kaye Kyrb, gave a new meaning to death when she performed a grabbing piece of Sen-San's "Dying Swan." The four-minute performance was the highlight of the evening. Kyrb is the winner of the First Prize Gold Medal at the All-Soviet-Union Ballet Competition held in Moscow in 1984.

Vyacheslav Gordeev, artistic director of the company and premier dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet, also gave a rich ballet interpretation of Russian folk dance in a bright red and white Russian costume.

The only snag in the performances was the recorded music which was too loud at times. It also stopped for a couple of seconds towards the end.

The performances left one wondering why real life is not as beautiful as ballet. But if it were we would not have enjoyed this unique form of art.

ACT's The Skin of Our Teeth

HANG on to your mammoths all you mammals out there! It's time for ACT's "The Skin of Our Teeth." Written by Thornton (Our Town) Wilder, the play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1942. Wilder called it a "comic strip of the history of mankind." Mankind is represented by The Antrous Family and the author "hasn't decided if they are living back in caves or in New Jersey today." Together with a host of prehistoric house pets, newscasters, conventioners, refugees, fortune tellers and stage hands, the Antrous family survive an Ice Age, a Great Flood and a Great Big War by the skin of their teeth. For the audience, the world will never be the same.

The play is directed by George Plautz, who arrived in Kuwait in the fall of 1987 and promptly dove into the amateur theatrical scene. He has directed ACT's productions of "Scrooge," "The Bald Soprano," "The American Dream," "The Madwoman of Chaillot," and has assisted with musicals and children's productions. "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be his swan song in ACT's directorial arena as he

is leaving Kuwait in June. The theatrical community will surely miss him.

Cynthia Lloyd takes to the footlights again as the Antrous maid, Sabina following her stunning performance in last year's "When the Wind Blows." She is ably paired with newcomer Duke Estes, whose non-Kuwait stage credits include leads in "Death Trap" and "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Mary Anne Greenwell-Plautz, known to Kuwait audiences as "The Madwoman of Chaillot" also returns along with the mammoth talents of ACT regulars Annie Alexander, Debbie Turner, Mohammed Baharoon, Marge Pinnow, Barbara Gould, Rebecca Pinnow, and Alan and Dorothy Weller. UAS teachers Jane Aitman, Dell Taylor, and Barbara Alberts along with student Mohammad Khalaf are also joining the fun. ACT hopes you will, too.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" will be presented February 27, 28 and March 1 at the Universal American School, Salwa. See "What's On" for details.



Duke Estes and Cynthia Lloyd rehearsing for ACT's 'Skin of Our Teeth'

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher, news
- 9.50 Cartoon serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Ghoraba Fi Al Madina: Arabic serial (part 8)
- 11.45 From my Kitchen: local programme
- 12.05 Al Malqoof: Weekly local serial (part 5), starring Abdul Hussain Abdul Redha, Mohammed Jaber and Abdullah Khraibit
- 12.30 News summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

EVENING

- 4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via satellite (repetition)
- 4.45 Saham Al Fadha: cartoon serial
- 5.15 Mama Anisa and Children: local children programme, prepared and presented by Samya Muhammad
- 5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 6.00 Al Fares Al Asheeq:

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Winnie the Pooh: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Wild South: "Song of Protest". A look at the

historical serial (part 15)

- 7.15 Holy Quran and science: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi
- 8.00 Cultural programme (part 4)
- 8.30 Good Evening and local news
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Omsiyat Al Ethneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Minhammed Al Baries
- 10.15 Al Laeboon Fi Al Nar: Arabic serial (part 13)
- 11.15 Al Mawed: Variety programme (part 5), with guest stars Nadeya Mustafa and Arian Fuad, prepared and presented by Tawfeeq Khalas
- 12.20 News summary
- 12.25 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran and closedown

natural and animal life in South New Zealand.

- 7.00 Roving Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news.
- 7.30 Trap: "Spring of Evil". Spring on the island Baron "Devinkin" dries out after the disappearance of Lucie the baron's daughter... but water flows again when Jean and Marillo arrive.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Around the World. A variety of topics and events from all over the world.
- 9.00 Tour of Duty: "Sleeping Dogs".
- 10.00 Homeroom: "Captain Fitness". A TV star visits the classroom. He is considered as ideal sportsman...
- 10.30 Coloured Movie. The Catered Affair. Starring: Bette Davis, Ernest Borgnine, Debbie Reynolds. A woman, wanting to give her daughter the kind of wedding she never had, uses her husband's savings that had been accumulated to buy a taxi.
- 12.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 12.15 News in brief

CINEMA

- Al Andalus
- Batman
- Sahmaya
- Hall Booked
- Al Hamra
- Ninja Hunt
- Drive-in
- Arabic film
- Al Firdous
- Bandhan Anjaana
- Fahahel
- Shock Troop
- Al Jazira
- Skateboard USA
- Granada
- Arabic film
- Sababikhat
- Mob Busters
- Jebel
- Hothiyar
- Almadi Drive-in
- North Shore

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.15 am
Zohr	12.02 pm
Aza	3.07
Maghrib	5.29
Isha	6.48

ARTS

Seminar

THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodical Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 1, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453239.

Stamp Show 1990
IN commemoration of the 29th National Day, the Boushahri Gallery will be holding a stamp exhibition, Stamp Show 1990. The exhibition will open on Monday, February 5, 1990 at 6 pm and will be held until Feb 15. Opening hours (from second day on) are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 pm to 8.30 pm.

Craft Centre
MOTHERS are your hands too full with your tons on weekends? Here's a chance for you to relax and introduce them to creative art. For details contact 5635740, between 9 - 12 noon.

SOCIAL

Konkani drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Soussarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funitees) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosarin Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

Carnival

Carnival Fiesta '90
YMCAs Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For ticket reservations & more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

Valentine's Party

VALENTINE'S Party: Come join the fun. Feb 15 dinner buffet. Top Rank band, door prizes, Cupid's arrow awaiting.

For more information call Nina on 5339623 or Kathy on 2523992 (between 6 pm and 8 pm).

Non-stop dancing

Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of the latest sensation "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbouz".

Highlights: Best Carnival couple (fancy) and many many surprises. For details contact the organisers Tel. 2450279 (between 8 am to 1 pm) or Tel. 3921712.

ACT

ACT's production of Thornton Wilder's comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be presented on February 27, 28 and March 1 at 8.00 pm at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets can be reserved by calling 5725071 or 5731782.

Kalpak's Drama Competition
KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

Hobby centre

A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making — For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 nr 5317354.

British Council

THE ITALIAN JOB: Saturday, 10 and Sunday, 11 February 6.30 pm, 130 min.

Kuwait Little Theatre

Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, present the Kuwait Folk Group in concert on 14th and 15th February, at 8 pm both nights. Tickets, can be ordered by phoning 3917959.

Videos of the recent very successful pantomime Sinbad the Sailor, can be picked up from the theatre on Sunday 4th February from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Gardens Fastelavn

Daniella celebrates "Fastelavn" for Danes at Gazelle Club on Friday, Feb 16, at 1 pm. For reservations please call Marianne — Tel: 3710215 ext 29 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Feb 13.

Like a Hurricane!

SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cinema on 5th & 16th Feb '90. Featuring Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'n' Roll from the 80's. For information and reservation call 5730265/2543219.

Ladies International League

YOU are invited to attend the next general meeting on

Monday, February 5, 1990 at 7pm. Sheraton Ballroom A. Our programme will be presented by Claude Maxime. Everyone welcome!

Door open 6 pm, programme begins at 7 pm promptly! Door charge.

Kuwait Welsh Society

ST. DAVID's Day buffet dance Thursday 1st March 1990 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For ticket reservations & more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

7-a-side football

VARCA, Sporting Centre will organise its 11th annual one

7-a-side football competition

on February 25 at Sour Grounds

mark the Kuwait National Day.

The draw will be held on

Friday, February 23 at 10 am.

For further details and entry

forms please contact VSC

members or Tel. 5331940 or 2410461 and 4765070.

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fit classes. Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7,

Fri 12-1:00 and 1-2:00, Sat 5-6:

6:00. Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6,

Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5:30-

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wondo Sat-Mon 7-8 Thurs 5-6.

Bowling alley available for

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tennis courts - coaching availa-

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further details — Recreation</p

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Concentration of power limits freedom of the press

Tycoons' war over media raises cry for anti-trust law

ROME, Feb 4. (AP): Duelling two tycoons for control of Italy's largest publishing company is focusing attention on higher stakes: the independence of press and television.

This winter's battle for dominance of the Mondadori Group points up that few huge powerful hands control the media.

For journalists in Italy, "it's possible to be independent, but with difficulty, practically speaking," says Antonio Pilati, a Milan-based consultant and author of two books on the media.

Fifty-two percent of newspaper circulation is in the hands of five groups. Represented among them are the giants of Italy's largest private enterprise, and Rari! Gardini, held of Ferruzzi, a chemicals and agribusiness

giant.

The Italian economy — outside the sizeable chunk in the government's hands — is dominated by these and a few other powerful men. The newspapers in their hands include all of Italy's leading national dailies.

More Italians get their news from television than newspapers, and the airwaves are the virtual sphere of Rai, the state broadcasting network, and of Mondadori tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, who controls Italy's three largest private TV stations and owns a Milan newspaper.

Rai-TV's three stations have been divided up by the three biggest parties — Christian Democrats, Socialists and opposition Communists — and the newscasts reflect party views.

The leading financial newspaper, Il Sole-24 Ore, is run by the National Association of Manufacturers, and the major political parties also publish dailies.

Media experts say it is difficult to determine the effect of media concentration in the hands of industrial tycoons has on what an Italian reads in his daily newspaper.

Indro Montanelli, editor of the Il Giornale, has frequently said he has a free hand in putting out the paper.

Pilati contends that decision-makers in banking, finance and other fields make sure to read several papers each day and keep in mind the primary business of the publisher.

However, a recent survey of journalists for Epoca, a Mondadori weekly, said 78 per cent contended that the

concentration of power limits freedom of the press. In late January, print and broadcast journalists struck nationwide for 24 hours to protest what they see as slow action to enact an anti-trust law. They blocked TV and radio newscasts and the publication of newspapers.

Attempts to enact anti-trust regulations date back to shortly after the founding of the democratic republic following World War II. But it was Berlusconi's rapid rise in television, with its unsurpassed power to sell ideas and products, that raised the loudest cry for such a law.

Italy did pass a law in 1981, limiting one's ownership of newspapers to no more than 20 per cent of total national circulation, but court rulings have effectively nullified the legislation.

Premier Giulio Andreotti's coalition government, when it was formed last summer, agreed to make anti-trust legislation a priority. But the partners have been squabbling over what the limits of newspaper and TV holdings should be.

Under the proposed law, Berlusconi would have to sell one of his stations in order to command the Mondadori empire, which includes two leading newsmagazines and other magazines, book publishing, local newspapers and the Empire's Jewel, La Repubblica, one of Italy's largest national newspapers.

The bitter courtroom and boardroom battle for Mondadori pitted Berlusconi against Carlo de Benedetti, one of Italy's most influential financiers as head of the Olivetti computer

giant. Nine months later, he had engineered a takeover of three Mondadori holdings, including La Repubblica.

In late January, Berlusconi consolidated his position when he was elected by the board as chairman of Arnoldo Mondadori Editore SpA. De Benedetti's camp has initiated new court challenges that could drag on for months.

La Repubblica, a tabloid appealing to upscale professionals, in its 14 years has become one of the largest and most powerful voices in the Italian media.

Eugenio Scalfari, a magazine editor, founded it in a bid to become an independent alternative to national newspapers controlled by big economic interests, including the 114-year-old Corriere Della Sera, once family-

owned and now part of the Rizzoli Group.

Rizzoli is effectively controlled by the Gemina holding company of the Agnelli auto tycoon family.

Scalfari has hinted that he might quit and start a new paper than work under Berlusconi.

Some analysts see more than just an issue of editorial independence behind Scalfari's opposition. The newspaper has long been a critic of former Bettino Craxi, socialist leader and one of Italy's key political powerbrokers.

Says Pilati: "In Italy, there is a very close interweaving between the economic class and the political class."

Historian Martin Clark, in his book, "Modern Italy," says industrialists sought out newspapers as "mouthpieces or business props."

Jebel Ali sets new record

TOTAL tonnage handled by Jebel Ali Port in 1989 more than doubled over the previous year to set a new record of 9,566,696 tonnes, up 123 per cent from the 4,475,175 tonnes achieved in 1988.

"These results are the best ever for Jebel Ali which completed its first decade of operations in 1989," said Sultan Bin Sulayem, chairman of Jebel Ali Port Corporation (Japco).

New records were set in many areas of the port's activities. The most dramatic increase was in container traffic which leaped by 162 per cent; from 69,771 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) in 1988 to 183,165 TEUs last year. Of this imports and exports both more than doubled, while transhipments amounted to 1,000 TEUs, resulting by 355 per cent.

The increase in traffic was reflected in total container tonnage figures which grew by 158 per cent during the year, from 505,437 tonnes to 1,306,359 tonnes.

There were also more container vessels calling at the port; 242 vessels in 1989 compared to 122 vessels in 1988.

Container traffic will continue to be an important area of operations explains Sultan Bin Sulayem. "With more and more multinational companies choosing Dubai as their Middle East base and with an increasing number using Jebel Ali Free Zone as a distribution centre, we anticipate that container traffic will continue to have strong growth in 1990."

In 1989, 463 tankers called at Jebel Ali compared to 270 the previous year.

General cargo tonnage registered a 42 per cent growth during 1989, with bulk cargo performing particularly well. "We hope to see stronger growth rates in this area in 1990 as more operators become aware of the productivity offered by our port," comments Sultan Bin Sulayem.

"In the ten years the port has been operating, the overall trend has been one of sustained growth," says Bin Sulayem. "As we enter the new decade there is every reason for optimism. Oil prices are stable. Gulf economies are entering a new era of greater economic diversification and the political situation in the region is stable."

"Jebel Ali is well-placed to capitalise on these conditions and I believe that will help Dubai spearhead a new era of economic prosperity for the region."

Hefty rise in GNP

NICOSIA, Feb 4. (Reuters): Oman today reported an eight per cent rise in its gross national product (GNP) during the first nine months of 1989.

The Oman News Agency quoted official figures as saying the GNP rose to 2.46 billion Omani rials (\$6.38 billion) compared with 2.28 billion rials (\$5.92 billion) in the corresponding January-September period of 1988.

"The (overall) increase is expected to be 12 per cent by the end of last year," the agency received in Nicosia, said.

The figures put oil revenues at nearly 1.1 billion rials (\$2.85 billion), accounting for about 44 per cent of GNP.



Yozaburo Tsuchiya (centre) chairman of Sanyo Securities talking to Lima Al Khalafawi, Arab Times reporter. Ross Rowbury looks on.

Innovation breeds success...

Sanyo and firms tie-ups successful

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

A GROUP of representatives from Sanyo Securities Co. Ltd. participated in a seminar on Investment and Banking organised by the Japanese embassy in Kuwait as one of the activities of the Japan Week-1990.

Sanyo Securities is one of the oldest and largest Japanese security houses. With its innovative methods and development, Sanyo is able to maximise the value for clients in brokerage, investment banking, and related services.

Replies to a question of the business volume and

the Tokyo market took another step during the term when they became one of a handful of security houses that function as the equivalent of primary dealers in Japanese government bonds.

About the recovery after the world stock market crisis last year, he said that recovery developed quicker after four months.

Sanyo Securities is aiming at having 100 branches by the end of 1990. Tsuchiya said and added they have a number of clients in the Gulf region. Their international network expanded and in January a new representative office in Singapore market was opened. In the Gulf region they have an office in Bahrain.

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Experts to discuss accounting and development

Date extended for registration

THE organising committee of the second Arab International Accounting Conference — which is due to be held on March 20 under patronage of the Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal has decided to extend the deadline for accepting registration till the end of February.

The president of Arab Society of the Certified Accountants (ASCA) stated that the organising committee wished to allow more time to ministries and other concerned bodies to participate in this conference which is held every four years and aims at improving the role of the profession within the framework of economic and social development in the Arab world.

Talal Abu Ghazaleh said that the conference will deliberate on Accounting and Development and the role which accounting can do to enhance development endeavours in the Arab world.

Abu Ghazaleh added that parts are participating in this

event who will enrich the discussions. Among Arab prominent figures taking part are Dr Taher Masi, ex-deputy prime minister of Jordan, Dr. Hisham AlDabbas, auditor general and head of the Profession Council in Jordan, Dr. Ibrahim Al Ahmadi, president of Jordanian Association of Certified Public Accountants (JACPA), Abdullah Al Mualim, from Saudi Arabia.

Habib Bourguiba Jr., from Tunis, Professor Edward Gross, Canisius College, New York, Dr. Ahmad Moustafa Shawki, Egypt, Dr. Diah Al Hashim, University of California and a number of ASCA members.

Of the international experts Mr. Richard Wilkes, President of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Alan Talbot, Chairman of International Auditing Practices Committee (IAPC), Robert Sempier, executive president of IFAC, Professor John Small, past

President of the Association of Certified Accountants, and the Right Honourable Jeremy Healy, Member of Parliament (U.K.) in addition to a number of international experts in the profession.

It is noteworthy that the IAPC will hold its first meeting in an Arab country currently with the second Arab International Accounting Conference, which will also be attended by the IAPC members.

Diplomats said few of the subjects will be settled on Monday.

All of the governments except Greece are likely to agree to respond to Turkey's application for EEC membership by putting off negotiations until after 1992 and developing closer ties meanwhile.

Athens insists that Turkish troops must leave the divided island of Cyprus before relations can improve.

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BUSINESS

Turkey warned

Call to cut inflation

ANKARA, Feb 4, (Reuters): Turkish business will suffer a heart attack unless the country reduces its spiralling inflation, according to a World Bank investment affiliate.

Reynaldo Ortiz, Istanbul-based representative of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), said in an interview in the daily Milliyet today.

"If low lira depreciation and high inflation remains, it will mean a heart attack for business."

"Then you will be in trouble... what seems to cause no major harm today will make your life useless in the long run," he said.

The lira depreciated about 26 per cent against the dollar last year compared with 68.8 per cent inflation.

The State Institute of Statistics announced today that consumer price inflation slowed to 60 per cent in the 12 months to end-January after December's 68.8 per cent and November's 69.4 per cent.

"We came to Turkey because it was cheap. Now an office in Istanbul costs almost the same as one in New York," said a senior Istanbul-based foreign banker who asked not to be named.

"Turkey has to solve its inflation problem because if it's not cheap, it has nothing else to sell," he added.

Ortiz told Milliyet the World Bank was watching what Turkey was doing to reduce inflation."

Bombay shares

	Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Feb 1	Pr. Chg.	Open	Close
ACC	326	-325	320	
Alm Chem	-	-	-	
Alv Nis	-	-	-	
Ari Fab	-	-	-	
Ashok Ley	86	85	87	
Asia Paint	217.50	217.50	220	
Atlas Cop	41	39.00	40.50	
Atlas Corp	50	47.50	50	
Nal India	382.02	381.25	380.88	
Bejgi Auto	391.25	391.25	390	
Bar Rayon	716.25	720	711.25	
Blow Plat	-	-	-	
Bom Dye	198	199.50	194	
BK Bond	96	94	96	
Bury Wel	82.50	80	83	
Canard	-	-	-	
Canaletta	3125	3125	3125	
Cen Sog	2520	2540	2540	
Colgate	185	183.75	183.75	
Cront Gr	14	14	15	
DCM	31.25	31.25	31	
Deep Fert	61.25	61	61	
Dunlop	61	59	61	
El Hotels	81	80	80	
ESE Index	-	-	-	
Estekay	135	135	130	
Essar Sug	27	26.75	26.85	
Food Sp	105.50	104.50	105	
Forbes	48.75	48	47.50	
Gar Poly	42.50	42.50	43	
Gindia	104.50	103.50	102	
GNPC	42.50	42.50	42.5	
Godrej	111.50	110.50	108.75	
GS Shpg	46.25	46	46	
GSFC	157.50	160	157.50	
Gu Alki	81	79	79.50	
Guj Heavy	15	14	15	
Hero Moto	17	16	17	
Hind Ciba	170	1150	1108	
Hind Lever	165	165	130	
Hind Coats	147.50	147.50	148.75	
Hind Motor	26.25	26	25.25	
Hindustan	22.50	23	23	
Hoochis	1730	1730	1660	
Ingersoll	205	202.50	203	
ITC	53	52	52	
J&L Org	50.50	50	52	
Jad Rayon	86.25	85	85	
Indrol	208.75	211.25	206.25	
JK Syn	56	55.50	56	
Kin Egg	153	151.50	152.25	
Kir Cum	70	68	72	
KSB Pumps	192.50	192.50	195	
L & T	70	70	68.50	
Lever	97	95	98	
M&S Russel	165	165.75	162.50	
M&S Coats	112	112	112.5	
Mahindra	82.50	80	80	
M&S Share	17.25	17	17.75	
Mico	830	860	850	
Mitfwood	22.50	22.50	22.50	
Modi	53	50	52.50	
Sesa Goss	78	78	76	
Shaw Wall	-	-	-	
Shree Cem	-	-	-	
Shri Fib	54	51	53.50	
Siemens	104	103.50	104	
SILF	130	130	130	
Son	53.50	53	51.50	
St Mills	64	63	61.50	
Tata Oil	-	-	-	
Tata Chem	122.50	122.50	124	
Tata Pow	445	447.50	435	
Telco	113.50	113.50	113	
Thap Agro	-	-	-	
Tesco	106.50	103.50	105.75	
Vast Org	145	143.75	145	
Vardi	21.25	20	21.25	
Volts	670	650	670	
Wimco	23.50	23	22.5	
Zenith	56	55	56	
Zuan Ago	58	56	58	

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EXCHANGE RATES

	Indian rupee	Sri Lankan rupee	Pakistani rupee	Bangladesh taka	US dollar	French franc	UAE dirham	Deutsche mark	Japanese yen
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20,000 houses will be sold this year to home buyers

English invading France again

PARIS, Feb 4, (Reuters): The English are invading France again, swarming in thousands to settle in a country where they regularly waged bitter wars until a 20th century "entente cordiale" converted them to friendlier rivals.

France's National Federation of Real Estate Agents predicts that 20,000 houses in France will be sold this year to home buyers from across the narrow channel of sea that separates the two countries.

And by 1992, the annual figure could reach 100,000.

"More than 600 years after the 100 years' war, when our English neighbours lost their French lands, their Majesty's subjects are once again invading en masse the sunny shores of sweet France," said the French newspaper, L'Avergnat.

Although the French and the English love to insult each other, the English holiday in their millions in France

delighted by the contrasting way of life.

The house-buying phenomenon was at first limited to northern France, where the rolling hills of Normandy and Brittany's craggy coastline reminded some early British arrivals of home.

Now, with British property prices high, and the prospect of a tunnel linking the two countries by 1993, many English are venturing deeper into France to regions that were under English rule 800 years ago.

In a survey of real estate agents across France, all said the English were out-buying all other nationalities.

The British consul in the southwestern city of Bordeaux said 10,000 compatriots had bought homes in the region.

Englishman James Patinson settled in France in 1976, buying a house with profits from the sale of an apartment in London. He now sells houses to Britons, helping them through the

unfamiliar legalities of buying in France.

"Selling property in England makes it easy to buy somewhere in southern France, restore it and even keep some capital to start a business," Patinson told Reuters.

The English buying spree mostly involves the middle classes looking for a house costing between 100,000 and 300,000 francs (\$17,500 and \$22,500).

Real estate agents, lawyers and village mayors are dusting off their English dictionaries to cope with the rush of new residents from "Perfidious Albion."

Gustave Legrand, mayor of the tiny Normandy village of Manneville-La-Raoult, has seen nine English families buy rustic cottages in his village of 150 people in the past three years.

"In Normandy the English are always welcome. The people here have fond memories of the English and

Americans, when they landed to drive out the Nazis in 1944," he said.

National Federation of Real Estate Agents (Foain) spokesman Eric Darleguy said sales had rocketed in the last three years.

English people bought 2,000 properties in France in 1987, 4,000 in 1988, and 12,000 in 1989. The Foain predicts they will buy at least 20,000 this year.

They usually buy houses in small villages already suffering from the migration of young people into larger cities.

"All the houses that the English have bought, many of them old and valuable ones, would have fallen down because our villages are emptying. In fact they are restoring life and houses are always rebuilt in the original style," said Legrand.

But there are signs of dissent.

In the Western region of Brittany,

Graffiti has appeared on walls, in English and French, saying "Brittany is not for sale."

This is believed to be the work of a small group of separatists who have resorted in the past to minor bomb attacks on government offices.

The threat is not taken seriously by the English.

Southwest France, especially the famous wine regions around Bordeaux and the Dordogne valley, has become the favorite spot for English people to settle permanently.

English society has been improved.

Hot bars and cafes have installed the British "pub" game of darts, the small town of Eymet has started a cricket club, and two English-language newspapers, the News and the Dordogne Telegraph, are published.

The Bordeaux region has special ties with England.

Higher West German rates stem partly from the influx of people into West Germany from throughout Eastern Europe, which is putting pressure on prices, particularly housing, and raising the inflation rate. The West German central bank's answer to rising inflation is to raise interest rates.

In addition, inflation in Western Europe in 1992 has incited a rush of investments by the Japanese, who fear that trade restrictions could keep them out of those markets.

"There's a long history of Japanese investors going into Europe," said Koenig. "It's interesting Japan is still investing in West Germany, which has a much better prospect for working successfully in Europe."

Nonetheless, economists emphasize that Japanese investors, while investing in Europe, are not abandoning US markets.

"The question is whether Japanese investors are going to come to the United States, but at what price," said Lawrence A. Veltman, an international economist with Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. financial firm.

West Germany is particularly attractive to Japanese investors for two reasons: exchange rates — the mark is stronger against both the dollar and the yen; and political changes in Eastern Europe, which are expected to encourage more investment by the Japanese.

It's finally safe to portray Russians

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Director John Frankenheimer, thanks to glasnost, feels it is finally safe for film-makers to portray Russians, even Soviet soldiers, as humans.

Frankenheimer, who directed such films as "Birdman of Alcatraz," "Seven Days in May" and "Black Sunday," recently completed "The Fourth War" about an American-Soviet confrontation.

The film treats both sides with an even hand.

"There's no way I could have made this picture 10 years ago, taking the point of view we take," Frankenheimer said.

"The leading Russian character is a fairly sympathetic individual. We'd have had trouble getting financing for the project and we could not have expected to do well at the box office unless the Russians were made to look less than

human or the Americans less than sympathetic."

"I got away with it to a limited extent in 'The Manchurian Candidate,' but not to the degree that we do with 'The Fourth War,'" he said.

The screenplay is based on a Russian colonel who is no worse nor better than his American counterpart in a peace-threatening incident on the West German and Czechoslovakian border.

"Today ... it is no longer a black and white world where the citizens of one country are virtuous and the citizens of another are all bad," Frankenheimer said.

"Glasnost has changed the whole perception of Russians and communists in the United States. If I'd made 'The Fourth War' 20 years ago I'd have been labelled some kind of pinko or something."

"In fact this picture might have been labelled communist propaganda in the old days. Yet one of the most admired men in this country today is a communist and his name is Mikhail Gorbachev. He's probably more admired here than in his own country."

"A climate of fairness has been established for writers and directors. We are free to show people as individuals, not clichés."

"On the other hand, it would have been easier to make this picture financially a decade ago because it is so hard to raise money these days for non-mainstream movies."

"I feel very lucky to have been able to make this film. I think it is going to be controversial. It's not in Hollywood's commercial traditions, aimed strictly for bottom-line grosses."

"The story deals with what happens to trained military commanders when war becomes obsolete. What do you do with these soldiers when the major powers dismantle their bases and cut back armed forces?"

"Once these highly trained warriors become anachronistic, what do you do with them?"

"The two colonels in the story are highly decorated heroes, veterans of wars they didn't win, who find themselves face-to-face. What do they do? They manage to make their own war."

"I know for a fact men like this exist because I talked to them at an air force base before I started making the film — fighter pilots itching to shoot down a Russian plane at a time when such a thing is out of the question."

"There are officers in both countries

trained to despise each other, to hate everything the other country stands for."

"They were trained to kill in the arena of war. Like cockfighting, once the animal is trained and bloodied in the heat of battle, it is difficult to change the orientation in a time of peace or glasnost."

"Everything they've ever believed in has been discredited, but they remain a necessary part of the country's military preparedness, to be used in another time and place."

"The changing tides of politics in Eastern Europe make the timing for 'The Fourth War' fantastic. The reality of what is happening over there focuses international attention on that part of the world."

"The time frame of our picture is 1988, just before these major political upheavals take place but it was already a time of change."

Forget fish oil for lowering your cholesterol level

Exploring health

By Jeffrey A. Fisher MD

IT'S time once again to clear up the confusion once and for all. That is, of course, until it becomes necessary to repeat it. Almost five years ago, the article appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine that catapulted fish oil to national prominence. A study conducted at the University of Oregon examined the effects of large doses (equivalent of about 40 capsules per day) of salmon oil on elevated cholesterol and triglycerides. The results were quite impressive. Those with extremely high triglycerides (more than 1000) achieved an almost 65% reduction; those with less extreme elevations also had a positive result, but less dramatic. Cholesterol levels were also significantly lowered, although not as much as were triglycerides.

What had been thought of as a nostrum became mainstream therapy for many. Pharmaceutical companies jumped on the fish oil bandwagon, and consumers took on the idea that a presumably harmless substance could lower their cholesterol. Squibb even called their product "Protocor" to remind people what they were supposed to take for it. Feeding seemed right, as the National Cholesterol Education Programme was just beginning to trumpet the message that all Americans needed to know their cholesterol levels, and lower them if necessary. National sales were predicted to hit \$200 million.

But then the bubble burst. At first only a trickle of studies appeared, then several. It seemed that, in order for fish oil to lower cholesterol, one must take a very large dose, one not really feasible for long-term compliance, have a special type of elevated cholesterol profile, or both. If these conditions didn't exist, not only fish oil did not lower cholesterol, and it raised undesirable LDL cholesterol to boot. Fish oil was still remarkably effective against triglycerides, but these are not nearly as important or as well understood as cholesterol in the causation of coronary artery disease.

When word of this hit the market, fish oil was essentially dead in the water. Consumers became confused, and a confused consumer is a good customer. Proctor & Gamble was the first to go belly up, then Parke-Davis's Promega, the most widely promoted of the fish oil products. Estimates are that Parke-Davis lost \$10-20 million promoting Promega.

This is all sad, not because these rich companies can't afford to lose a few hucks, but because fish oil probably does help prevent heart disease. Only it's not by lowering cholesterol.

Many other factors are involved in the development of atherosclerosis than high cholesterol, which is not the cause of coronary artery disease; just a contributing factor. We are still learning, but the sticking together of blood platelets, small cells that are involved in the clotting process, is an early factor in atherosclerosis that is definitely affected by fish oil. Also, there are other white blood cells, called monocytes, which stick to the lining of arteries, and contribute to atherosclerosis. This process is also retarded by fish oil.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR. ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Chest X-ray little help

QUESTION: During a recent screening I had a tuberculosis skin test that showed positive. After a more thorough examination, during which I was found to be in pretty good health, my doctor decided to put me on regular medication, but then decided that a chest X-ray was unnecessary. This doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Does it to you?

ANSWER: It took a bit of a reflection and some reading, but I think I can make a case for your doctor's position, and explain a few things to you while I'm at it. To make it all come out right, I am going to assume that you're under the age of 35, which seems likely from the rest of your letter.

The purpose of the skin test screening for tuberculosis is to find people who might obtain some benefit from a course of therapy with an anti-tuberculosis medication that will prevent the disease from progressing beyond its first stages, or in fact, from ever developing at all. Screening tests merely reveal that the patient has been exposed to the disease and has generated antibodies to the bacteria.

The type of therapy recommended by your physician is called "prophylactic therapy" and is used to prevent the bacteria from ever gaining a foothold in your body. Tuberculosis develops slowly, and wiping out the bacteria with proper medications prevents damage to the lungs and other organs. Prophylactic therapy with isoniazid is very effective and presents few risks for the young patient.

Since you fit the picture of a young patient, in apparent good health, with a positive screening test, the decision to prescribe prophylactic therapy to you was already made, and the results of a chest X-ray probably would not alter that conclusion. While the

Beginning to bloom again

Lesley-Anne: Happy at last

BRITISH actress Lesley-Anne Down is waxing poetic about — of all things — love, marriage and happiness.

"I've been through some absolutely appalling times," she says. "I've really learned what Jekyll and Hyde means, what good and evil are and what pleasure and agony are all about. Now at last I have found all the good stuff — with Dominic."

Downie is 36-year-old Don E. Fauntleroy, a lean, handsome, mustached Californian with a blond ponytail, who is the English star's third husband. He is pouring white wine at lunch in the couple's warm and spacious red-brick, picture-perfect Colonial home in Malibu. The room looks out over an idyllic setting pool, tennis court, gazebo, the flowers are blooming in the dazzling winter sunshine.

It all seems appropriate. For a 35, Down — survivor of one of the nastiest divorce and child-custody battles in Hollywood history — is beginning to bloom again. She has emerged from the nightmarish domestic battle psychologically bruised, but happier than she's ever been in her entire life.

And on the career front too, everything is looking up.

On Jan. 19 she will become a regular on "Dallas," the British soap, who enchanted millions around the world as the sexy and ever-so-proper Lady Georgina in the popular British series "Upstairs, Downstairs" — which aired on PBS in the '70s — has made a dramatic transition: From posh Belgravian's Eaton Place to the Southfork Ranch. She shows up on "Dallas" as Stefanie Rogers, a high-powered PR lady who takes control of Cliff Barnes' (Ken Kercheval) life when he decides to run for political office. Not surprisingly, she catches the lustful eye of old J.R.

"Doing 'Dallas' wasn't something I even thought about," says the green-eyed Down looking cool and beautiful in a white cotton sweater, white slacks and white socks, her dark hair piled on top of her head. "For an English actress from 'Upstairs, Downstairs' to do something as American as 'Dallas' is beyond thought. But they made me an offer I couldn't refuse," she says.

"They gave me the opportunity to go into a show that is a living legend. Even though it's on its last year or two (the series is now in its 12th season) it isn't going to be something that's forgotten.

It's something important in a pop media way. They wanted a strong interesting female character — not just a pretty face. Otherwise they wouldn't have had to pay as much," she says, laughing.

"I'm going to be working a couple of days a week and that spells happiness. And happiness is something that has been denied me for years. I think I deserve it."

Indeed, in her mid-30s the actress from the north of London, who was once voted "Most Beautiful Teenager" in Britain, has picked up the threads of a career that was once booming. She started out as a 10-year-old child model and quickly landed roles in films opposite Sean Connery, Laurence Olivier, Peter



Sellers, Burt Reynolds, Harrison Ford and Anthony Hopkins. In 1980 while shooting "Sphinx," she married Argentine assistant film director Henri Grahier, but quickly divorced him.

For Down, the '80s has been a bittersweet decade. There was the child-custody battle with her second husband film director William Friedkin, father of her 7-year-old son Jack. Today she shares joint custody with Friedkin after surviving enough mudslinging to have hunted a weaker woman.

It began in 1985 when she told Friedkin, whose movie credits include "The French Connection," "The Exorcist" and "To Live and Die in L.A.," that she wanted a divorce. The filmmaker, currently wed to Los Angeles TV anchorwoman Kelly Lange after a brief marriage to French actress Jeanne Moreau, was labelled a "tyrannical, jealous, possessive hrovbeater" by Down's lawyer Marvin Mit-

elson, who alleged in the original divorce papers that Friedkin had threatened to kill Down if she filed for divorce.

Friedkin sought sole custody of their son, alleging his wife had a string of lovers, had used drugs and had abused alcohol. She countered that he had neglected their son, leaving him in the custody of a drug pusher and that due to his carelessness, their son had nearly drowned in a swimming-pool accident.

Now for the first time in many years Down is sitting in the tranquility of her home, opposite a husband she loves; she is talking about the ordeal she has survived and her life today.

"When it's finally over it leaves you paranoid," she says, nibbling at a fruit salad. "During the worst of it we had reason to be paranoid; we were being followed by detectives all the time."

She was, at the time, living with cameraman Fauntleroy, whom she met while shooting the

she has no regrets about getting out of her marriage.

After two years of working very little — she turned down the chance to star opposite Robert Mitchum in the marathon TV miniseries "War and Remembrance" (Jane Seymour did the part), and also declined the role of Josephine in another TV epic "Napoleon and Josephine" (Jacqueline Bisset got that one).

— Down is back in front of the camera.

A few months ago, after almost two years of inactivity, she starred in the CBS Schoolbreak Special docudrama "Frog Girl: The Jenifer Graham Story" and now there's "Dallas."

"Dallas" was God smiling down on me. God could have given me a movie or maybe a guest spot or a new TV miniseries. None of which would have given me the financial security that this has given me. Those other offers would have taken me away from my family.

It's a matter of choice.

"Universal was very concerned that Tom looked bad. Would the girls who worship him — the Cruisettes — come to see their idol looking gross? To me it would have been more obscene to have Tom lying in his hospital bed looking great. That would have been a total lie."

Cruise says Stone, dedicated himself to the story and the role so much that when Stone told him there was a drug that would paralyze him for 48 hours to let him feel what life is like for Kovic, Cruise was worried, he didn't show it and, according to Stone, the studio worried enough for everyone.

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To Stone, though, there are risks in life worth taking. "It's to Cruise's credit," admits Stone, "that he took most of them."

"In hindsight will say he didn't really take any risks at all, but believe me, when we started it was risky. Cruise played around with his image. He made himself ugly. That hospital wig is a fright wig if I ever saw one."

Of course none of it compared with the risk Kovic and Stone took when they went off to war. And Stone is proud of how he turned that experience around. While he has done a lot for Cruise, the real impact is what "Fourth of July" has done for Kovic.

"He's so happy now. He always dreamed of being a hero. Here is a whole movie made about his life with one of America's leading stars. It's a dream come true for the kid from Mississippi. The irony, of course, is that he thought that dream would be according to his concept of heroism. Now it has undergone this tragic change and he realizes that true heroism lies. What a circle to travel in your life," says Stone.

It's that kind of irony, that kind of world-weariness that Stone delights in instilling into young movie stars.

Japanese tourists learn to relax on European holidays

LONDON, (UPI): The traditional European view of a Japanese tourist is of a camera-clicking tour party member hussily rushing round three capital cities in a week — if it's Tuesday, this must be London.

But a combination of the mighty yen, better language skills and a deeper understanding of the West is bringing an end to that perception.

"Japanese tourists, particularly the younger generation, have become more relaxed about travelling abroad," says Naoki Katsube, general manager at the Japan Travel Bureau in London.

Japan removed restrictions on sightseeing tours abroad, allowing free foreign travel. Because of the cost, however, most Japanese could expect to make only one

journey abroad in a lifetime.

The language barrier and culture gap also mean that they prefer to travel in groups.

Now with higher incomes, the strong yen, more free time and a better knowledge of the West and its languages, Japanese tourists are making more foreign trips and feel easier about travelling as individuals or couples.

With the increase in individual travel, visits to a single country are also becoming more popular.

"A new trend emerging this winter was that the popularity of a single-destination trip to Europe suddenly increased, rather than visiting several European countries in a short period on a package tour," Katsube said.

"Japanese tourists may be beginning

to seek quality in travel, rather than quantity."

Brook Townsley, an English teacher who has many Japanese among his students, has seen a similar change: "What I notice now about Japanese tourists is that there are more individuals and they are younger."

The Japanese government is encouraging foreign travel both to foster international understanding and to help reduce the country's huge current account surplus.

The number of Japanese tourists going abroad rose from one million in 1985 — the year when the yen began to appreciate rapidly — to 5.5 million in 1986 and 8.43 million in 1988. It is expected to pass 10 million this year.

"The Japanese market has huge potential," said Barbara Walsh, an official at the British tourist authority.

The BTA partly funded by the British government estimates that the number of Japanese tourists to Britain reached more than 50,000 in 1989 compared with 20,000 in 1986.

In 1988 Japanese tourists spent £200 million (\$335 million) in Britain. In 1990 the figure is expected to reach £375 million (\$528.5 million).

Britain is still low on a list of Japanese destinations outside Asia. The United States, Australia, Italy and France are among countries ahead of it.

But the BTA is making a special bid to draw Japanese women, emphasising haute couture, fashionable shopping and the country's royal heritage and ancient traditions.

It is also stressing the calm of Britain's countryside compared to Japan's crowded cities.

Teruhiko Hasegawa, director of the London arm of Mitsukoshi, a major Japanese department store, says that for him this is a major attraction.

"I have already driven 25,000 miles (40,000 km) since I came here two years ago, enjoying the fresh air and green fields," Hasegawa said.

"I found living in Britain more relaxed and more human. I have begun to realize that there is no happiness in simply working hard without any other interest, although lots of Japanese may think so."

Although the cash-rich Japanese are generally welcomed by the world's tourism industry, there have been problems,

Cruise's tour guide

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Docs in six hospitals under BIR surveillance

DOCTORS in at least six hospitals in Metro Manila are under close surveillance by Bureau of Internal Revenue agents for tax evasion, BIR Commissioner Jose U. Ong said.

Ong identified the hospital as the Makati Medical Center, Capitol Medical Center, UST Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Chinese General Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital.

Ong said the deployment of BIR agents in these hospitals is aimed at finding out who are the doctors who have the doctors who have been delinquent in the payment of their taxes.

BIR spokesman Gerry Flores said the surveillance by revenue agents did not involve contact with the doctors.

Flores said examiners have been instructed to run after professionals, including doctors and lawyers, to help meet this year's tax goal of P104 billion.

Many doctors make huge profits in the practice of their profession but evade payment of taxes, Flores said.

Earlier, Ong said they had assessed a well known dermatologist and found him to have tax deficiencies amounting to P40 million.

Makati Medical Center director Raul Flores said some doctors do not issue receipts to their clients to avoid payment of taxes.

Two slain in Cavite

A GARDENER died after he was struck with a hoe by a man with whom he had a long-standing feud in Trece Martinez City and another man was shot dead in Alfonso, Cavite.

Gerry Samiano, 24, of Barangay San Agustin, Trece, Martinez died on the spot from deep wound in the head.

Police chief Capt. Severino Lubigan identified Samiano's attacker as one Marcelino Marcial, 24, also of Barangay San Agustin. Marcelino surrendered later to Lubigan.

Police said that the incident happened at about 7 pm near the house of the victim where he met Marcelino.

Police also said that the two were cursing each other when Marcelino picked a garden hoe and hit Samiano with it in the head.

In Alfonso town, an unidentified man was found dead with gunshots in the head and body.

The victim, police said who was wearing denim pants, about 25 to 30 years old and five-foot tall was found near a creek in Barangay Luksumbin, Iba, Alfonso.

Three men kill jockey

A JOCKEY was stabbed and shot dead by three men believed to be hired killers in front of their house in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Crispino Hernandez, known in racing circles as Jockey Hernandez, 28, of 2637 Pista St., Sta. Cruz died from multiple gunshot and stab wounds.

One of the suspects was later shot and wounded by responding policemen. He was identified as Bernardo Araman, 18, of 1063 Disnueve de Uno St., Solis, Tondo, Manila. He is being treated at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital.

Police said Hernandez was standing in front of their house when three men suddenly appeared from behind and shot him repeatedly at close range.

Witnesses said when Hernandez slumped bloodied in the ground, one of the suspects stabbed him twice with a dagger.

While the suspects were escaping towards Consuelo St., policemen led by Sgt. Nelson Tagle arrived and chased upon Araman.

Witnesses said Tagle fired at Araman hitting him in the right thigh.

Hernandez' wife, Patricia, 25, told People's Journal that she did not know any reason why her husband was killed.

She said her husband went the following morning to the Western Police District Headquarters on United Nations Ave. and reported the incident.

Police said Hernandez and a certain Jun Bata, a bookie operator, had debts for several years over money.

Pig roaster slain in QC

A PIG roaster was hacked and stabbed to death by a fellow roaster after a drinking session at La Loma Quezon City.

Isaias Aldau, 35, of 329 Blumentritt Ext., Barangay Paang Bundok, La Loma, died on arrival at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital from stab wounds in the head, chest and stomach.

The suspect, Agustina Banez, surrendered to police Lt. Fluto Casayuran immediately after the incident.

Police said the incident happened at about 7 pm in front of the Ping-Pong Lechon house at La Loma where the victim and Banez were both employed.

Witnesses told investigators that Aldau and Banez were on their way to a cockpit from a drinking session when the former asked who will pay the entrance fee.

Banez answered he had no money and added there was no need for them to enter the cockpit.

Pupil locked up in a room

AN 11-YEAR-OLD Grade 5 pupil accused of stealing a jungle bolo complained to the Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela (Camaran) press office claiming that he was dragged out of his classroom by a barangay tanod, hit by his landlady-accuser and was locked up in a room for 30 minutes.

Alen Fernandez, 29 Sta. Quiteria St., Caloocan City, told newsmen that barangay tanod Mariana Sarmiento forcibly took him out of his classroom last Jan 10. He added that the incident caused a commotion at the Sta. Quiteria Elementary School.

The victim claimed he was slapped by his landlady, Aida Cruz, forcing him to admit that he stole his jungle bolo. He said that with the help of Sarmiento, he was detained for 30 minutes in a room.

Fernandez said he later admitted that he found the jungle bolo in front of Cruz's gate. He denied stealing it.

Fernandez's mother, Liwayway, 32, said: "Walang sinumang may karapatan sakin ang anak ko dahil wala silang mati bay na ebidsensya kanilang ipinaramahan."

Housewife plunges to death

A HOUSEWIFE was killed when she accidentally touched a live electrical wire that caused her to fall from the third floor terrace of her residence in Quezon City.

Amelia Zapa, 35, of 51-A Banahaw St., Bgy. San Martin de Porres, Cubao, broke her right leg and head. She also suffered third degree burns on her body and arms.

She died before reaching the Quirino Labour Hospital.

Witnesses said the accident happened at about 2:30 pm while Zapa was collecting laundry at the terrace.

They said Mrs. Zapa apparently reached out for dried clothes hanging on a line when she accidentally touched a Merica wire which was only a meter from the terrace.

The sudden discharge from the power line caused Zapa to fall, witnesses said.

Fires hit QC hospital warehouse

TWO fires broke out at separate places in Quezon City destroying machines and hospital equipment.

Arson investigators said the first fire razed a warehouse at 31 Catalos St., Bgy. Pinaglabanan, Cubao at about 2:30 am.

Three huge machines said to be heavy-duty dryers were destroyed in the fire which was placed under control after 15 minutes.

Damage was estimated at P100,000.

The second fire broke out at the storeroom on the third floor of the National Children's Hospital at E. Rodriguez Blvd., Bgy. Damayan-Lagi.

Three wheelchairs and several mattresses were burned.

The fire was put out after 20 minutes.

Rebel chieftain slain in Masbate

LEGAZPI CITY (PNA): A communist guerrilla leader was slain in an encounter with government troopers in a village in Cawayan, Masbate Tuesday, according to the military.

A military report reaching Camp Bagong Ibalon in this city identified the slain rebel as Urbano Bender alias "Ka Banong," a commander of a New People's Army (NPA) band operating in Cawayan.

The report said members of the 266th PC Company on a routine patrol encountered the group of Bender in Barangay Aldaw.

It said Bender was hit during the first volley of gunfire and died instantly. Seeing their leader already dead, his comrades withdrew.

No one was reported injured on the government side.

After the storm: a real state of emergency

ARE we really in a state of national emergency? "What we have," says lone opposition Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, "is the aftermath of the emergency that visited the nation between Dec 1 and 6, 1989. The after-effects of that event do not warrant the use of extraordinary powers because there are enough laws that the President can use to address them. The exercise of what have been denominated as emergency powers implies that there is turmoil in the nation that is either caused by natural calamity or by the acts of men such as war or revolution. But these after-effects can be addressed by those blackouts, if inevitable, will follow a schedule that has some reason if not rhyme. She can order government agencies to save 10 percent of their budgets, from their representation and discretionary funds, so she would have the money to import, say corn if that is in shortage or is being hoarded. No, assures Rep. Roco, salaries of government operations will not be affected.

This, of course, is one view of things. A lot of people will associate "emergency" with the state of calamity that is normally declared, not while a particularly fierce typhoon is raging, but after it has blown over and there is debris to clean up, the hoarders of vital commodities to deal with, and homes, establishments, and lives to rebuild. Only, this time we were not hit by a typhoon but by the sixth and so far the most violent coup d'état attempted against the Aquino administration. And according to Rep. Raul Roco of the second district of Camarines Sur, one of the principal authors of the Emergency Powers Law and its most articulate defender in the House of Representatives, the teeth of the old anti-hoarding and anti-profitting laws were neither sharp nor strong enough. There is a real need for the Emergency Powers Law.

Under the old set-up, if you were caught hoarding or profitting, your store would be shut down, but you could open a new one across the street. So under the Emergency Powers Law, says the Bicolano solon, the anti-boarding and anti-profitting rules and regulations issued by the President were made to carry the clout of a five-year to 10-year prison term for violators. Coverage of those rules and regulations are not limited to food items but include school supplies.

"The President," explains Congressman Roco, "can now more effectively interfere with the supply and demand factors." Now why should he interfere with demand and supply? To frustrate the hoarders and profiteers, of course. "She can confiscate, she can buy or import basic commodities, she can give incentives, and she can call upon

volunteer organizations to help monitor the situation." Why volunteer organizations? As a consequence of the "Edsa revolution" explains Rep. Roco, we have a constitution that recognizes and institutionalizes people's groupings. And what are the incentives for? For the manufacture and repair of public transport facilities, for instance, buses and vessels, so there won't be too many people stranded on the way home from work, and so that those floating craft that pass for interisland ships could be converted into something seaworthy. She can also control working hours in business and industry so that those blackouts, if inevitable, will follow a schedule that has some reason if not rhyme. She can order government agencies to save 10 percent of their budgets, from their representation and discretionary funds, so she would have the money to import, say corn if that is in shortage or is being hoarded. No, assures Rep. Roco, salaries of government operations will not be affected.

"But we have practically delegated legislative powers to the President, the very reason for the existence of Congress," argues Sen. Enrile. "There is also in one provision a direct violation of the Bill of Rights which guarantees the right of people to be secure in their persons, papers and effects and no warrants of arrest, search and seizure may be issued except upon probably cause to be determined by a judge after hearing witnesses presented by a complainant." Not even the President of the Philippines can issue such warrants, Enrile stresses, because she is not a judge. He expresses the fear that a fine distinction will be made between the search of homes and search of establishments with the latter being allowed.

"That is not in the law," says Rep. Roco. "The military wanted that to make the retrieval of firearms unaccounted for since the Dec 1 coup attempt a bit easier, but they didn't get it. That's all they wanted and they didn't get it. That means the military will have to get a proper warrant from a judge every time they make a search."

On the claim that legislative powers have been delegated to the President, Roco says: "That is not correct. What has been delegated is rule-making power. For example, section 49 of the Agrarian Reform Law says the President and the



Rap. Raul Roco of Camarines Sur. Bill of Rights intact in the Emergency Powers law.

Secretary of Agrarian reform can issue rules and regulations. Implementing rules and regulations are normally delegated to the executive. These, however, have the effect of law, but they are not laws, just as a Supreme Court decision could have the effect of law but it is not law.

"The constitution requires, however, that when Congress delegates the power to make rules and regulations, guidelines must be issued." In effect, Congress tells the President, you may issue rules and regulations specifically to stop hoarding and profitting — that's the guideline. The rules and regulations should be aimed at stopping hoarding and profitting and nothing else in that case.

If further assurance is still needed, there is the provision in the law (section 7) which states that the law cannot in any way impair the Bill of Rights and other constitutional guarantees.

There is the constitutional guarantee, for instance, that workers can strike.

So how can there be a threat to the freedom of media in the Emergency Powers Law? "The law," Enrile points out, "empowers the President to temporarily take over public utilities and other business affected with public interest, and this will surely cover radio and television stations which, although franchise holders, are impressed with another character: they are outlets for the exercise of the

freedom of expression. If the government can place these facilities under its control, then it can determine who can use them and who cannot. That would be prior censorship." You will notice that Sen. Enrile says nothing about newspapers which, clearly, are protected by the Bill of Rights.

If the government is going to use the Emergency Powers Law for purposes of prior restraint, says Rep. Roco, it won't work.

"For what is the role of media that is of public interest?" he says. "That they serve the people's right to information. Therefore to take control of the media in the name of public interest would be contradictory. Because the public interest requires that the media keep informing the people."

As to the storm that made the Emergency Powers Law necessary, the real size and shape of it is yet to be brought to light by the Presidential Commission tasked to investigate the events of Dec 1 to Dec 6. For a while even this fact-finding commission, created by the President and headed by Comedec Chairman (on leave) Hilario Davide, was legally

"I questioned her power and right to create such a commission," says Enrile, "because there is no statutory or legal authorization given to her in existing laws or the constitution to create an office. You see, an office can only be created by

"In denying that the country is in a state of emergency, Enrile is by no means saying that its problems are over. There is still a problem inside the military organization," he says. "They are cheaper, they don't cause pollution, and they make for a better exercised, healthier nation."

And a lot of bicycles are a lot better sight than an APC on the wrong lane on Magsaysay bldv.

must address it hand-in-hand with her alter ego, the Secretary of National Defense and her Chief of Staff." He repeats what he told this writer early last year that he would never serve in a junta. "You remember," he says, "it has been my consistent position that I would not be the first person to install a military government in the Philippines, if that is the intention of these men (the rebel soldiers), although I doubt that it is their intention." Enrile himself has problems if you believe charges being raised by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) that he had a part in that attempted coup. Enrile has denied it.

As far as Congressman Roco can observe, he says, the young officers are highly motivated. "I think the government should take advantage of that. There is no country that developed vigorously without a high esprit de corps among its military officers. You must have an officer corps that is apolitical, and our young officers are still apolitical. They have not yet eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge. The older officers have tasted the apple of politics — the sooner we retire them the better."

His Camarines Sur constituents also have another perception worth noting: There are, they say, more basic problems of development that must be addressed. "We are putting together an agro-pastoral district in Camarines Sur," he says, "integrating farming with small farming. I just signed an agreement with a foundation for training of our people in co-operativism." They have also a bamboo replanting effort, and they are looking forward to the improvement of their roads network so that the corn belt could move conveniently from Isarog to Nagcarlan, where the grain will generate, presumably, converting an anachronistic factory.

These, says Rep. Roco, should preoccupy all of us. Instead of this political polarization so rampant in Metro Manila, let us not take sides against each other, but see what we can make together with our present level of resources — bicycles, for example. They are cheaper, they save on foreign exchange, they don't cause pollution, and they make for a better exercised, healthier nation.

Years later at the age of thirteen. Between 8 and 13, he indulged himself in golf and soccer. Tonito was once a fourth placer in a Junior Golf (Jungolf) tournament and had a stint as goalkeeper for the Philippine team that won the 1985 Sweden Gotha Footbal Cup crown in Finland.

Gretchen Barretto burning bright

GRETCHEN BARRETO, this year's box-office queen, is no ordinary pretty face in local filmdom. Last year the svelte young actress with the Castilian eyes became the Fantasy Girl of movie-going Filipino males. She was billed as the "Sex Trip Queen" (whatever that means) and "Sex Goddess of Philippine Movies." She works hard to live up to that stature.

Does she mind what other people say?

After once being sidelined for two years doing nothing except co-hosting a weekly TV show and occasional TV guesting, she doesn't. Her determination to succeed in her chosen career puts her ahead of other kittens in her circle and augurs well for her fifth movie with Seiko Films, "Ang Bukas ay Akin," where she was nominated for the Best Actress Award in last month's Metro Manila Film Festival.

Looking forward to her own bright future, Gretchen twirls the gold trinkets on her right hand and mutters, "That's a gift." She is not afraid of having had to earn it. "When you say 'work,' I go for it talaga," says she.

The fifth in the brood of seven (two boys and five girls), Gretchen entered the movies at 14 when she was still a high school freshman at the Colegio de San Agustin in Makati. Her parents initially didn't approve of the idea. However, they knew that ever since she was 10, Gretchen already wanted to become like Vilma Santos, her idol. "I kept telling them that I wanted to become an actress or a singer someday," she recalls. "I watched Tagalog movies a lot with my parents or with my brothers and sisters. Gradually, she won them over to her side."

Finally in 1984, she signed a contract with Regal Films and did 15 movies. "I did teeny bopper roles like Carmina Villaroel today," she says. "My roles were halfway between supporting ones and being an extra."

The reason perhaps why Mother Lily didn't give her more mature roles like those given to Snooky Serna and Maricel Soriano was that she was very young then.

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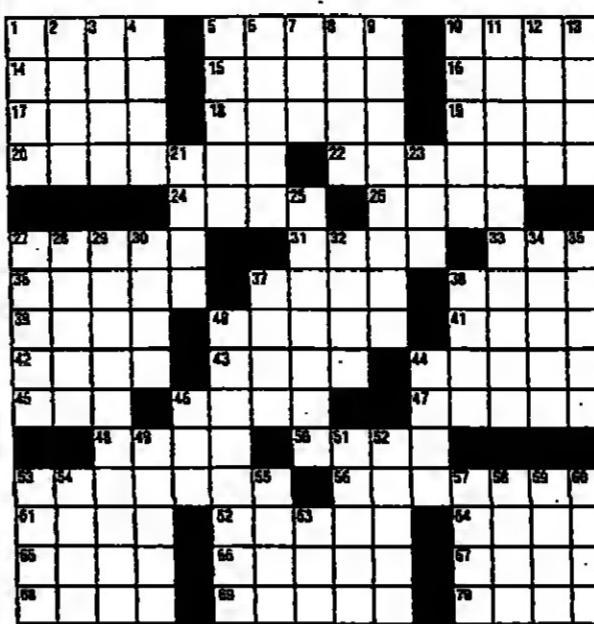
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
PLAY OR DEFEND?

North-South vulnerable. East as a distributional takeout and succeeded only in getting East to double four hearts.

At the table, West led the king of clubs and shifted to a diamond. Declarer played low from dummy, East inserted the jack and declarer won. Dummy was entered with a spade and the eight of hearts was led. Since the double blueprinted the distribution, declarer ran it. A repeat trump finesse landed the contract.

With East and West cooperating, the defense can prevail. At trick two, West must shift to a spade—jack of spades is best, but a low one is good enough. The table wins and the eight of hearts is led. East rises with the ace and returns another spade, removing the last entry to the table.

If declarer attempts to pick up trumps, East must take care to cover. Declarer will lose only one trump trick, but he will have to concede two diamonds for down one. Alternatively, declarer can try to cash a third spade. East must ruff, again giving up his trump trick in favor of securing a second diamond. Any way you look at it, you should have chosen to defend!

NORTH
♦ A K Q 7 6
▼ 8 6
◆ K 4
◆ Q J 10 5

WEST
♦ J 9 8 4
▼ Void
◆ 8 7 3 2
◆ Q 10 6

EAST
♦ 5 3
▼ A J 7 4
◆ A J 9 5
♦ 8 6 3

SOUTH
♦ 10 2
▼ K Q 10 9 5 3 2
◆ 10 6
♦ 9

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 0 3 NT Pass
Pass 4 0 Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦
Study this hand from the recent Fall North American Championships, then decide whether you would rather play or defend four hearts doubled.

South's opening bid was weak, North's response was forcing and South showed a diamond feature. West's three no trump was intended



"You should never stifle a sneeze!"

Aries
March 21 - April 19

You will have to brave yourself to face a disappointment. Do not be discouraged if something you are learning takes longer than you thought; just persevere. Try to take everything quite so personally. Be fair.

Taurus
April 21 - May 20

Someone upon whom you have been relying is liable to let you down. Never mind, you will still be able to carry on even if less well than you had hoped. You should not act as though you were ten years younger.

Gemini
May 21 - June 20

You are liable to omit some important detail and should therefore check that you have not done so. Make sure that you post early, otherwise you may be too late. You will have some good luck but not quite where and how you expected. Be prompt.

Cancer
June 21 - July 20

Something you were greatly looking forward to will not now happen. Never mind, you will have better luck next time. Pay a little more attention to your personal appearance. Be sincere.

Leo
July 21 - Aug 21

Nothing will go quite the way you would have liked, but you will know how to manage. Accept an invitation but do not stay longer than you are welcome. Try to keep calm even when dealing with an irascible person. Be considerate.

Virgo
Aug 22 - Sept 22

You will find it hard to choose between two alternatives, but choose you must try to ensure you do not fail to come up to expectations. Do not try to do too much all at once. Be resolute.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21

You will not be in the best of moods so do try to stay out of controversial situations. If not all seems to be going well for you do not despair, you are not the only one. Instead just continue to work hard and doing your best. Be moderate.

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19

You are more likely to make mistakes so be on the lookout for them. A small infection should not be neglected, nor should it be dwelt too much upon. Make sure you do not break a promise you have made. Be true to your word.

Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21

You should beware of spending more than you can really afford, however much of a "bargain" you might be tempted to buy. You should think hard and long before deciding to go ahead with what you have in mind. Be realistic.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18

You should beware of spending more than you can really afford, however much of a "bargain" you might be tempted to buy. You should think hard and long before deciding to go ahead with what you have in mind. Be realistic.

Pisces
Feb 19 - March 20

You will tend to find offence where none was meant and should try not to do so. Our lucky numbers are 17 and 34. Something that has been puzzling you will now become much clearer. Do take better care of your health. Be respectful.

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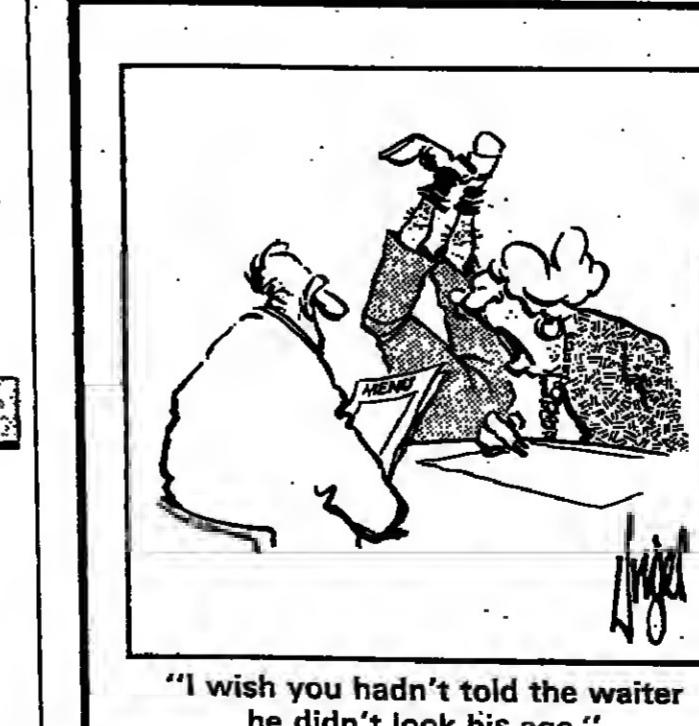
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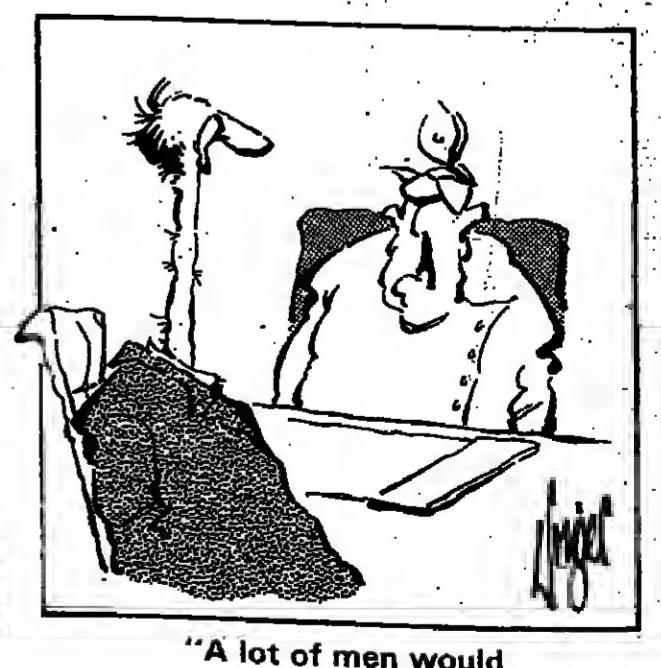
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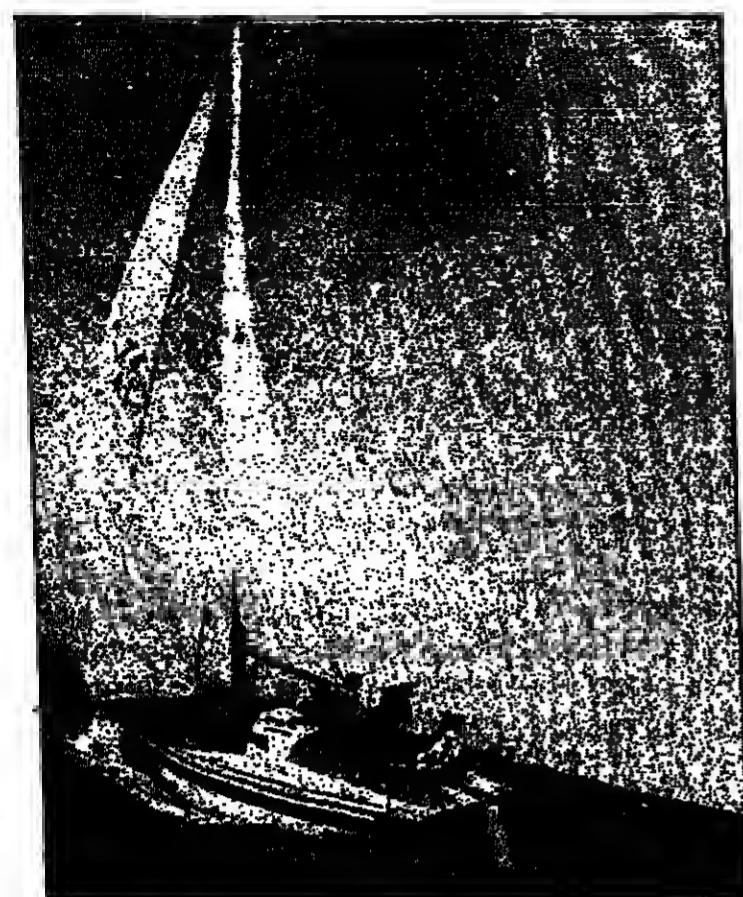
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Shammal 2nd in Kosa SS3

Red Viking snatches victory



Magic Flute leads the fleet off Ras Salmya.

THE Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association (KOSSA) staged SS3, the third race of its Spring Series, on Friday. Red Viking, in a thrilling run to the finish line, just managed to snatch victory from Shammal in a closely contested race.

The race was scheduled as a mid-distance event with the Race Officer having to make last minute adjustments to the course to allow for the overnight shift in wind direction to the south-east. With the wind gusting up to 25 knots, sail selection for the competing boats, Good Company, Magic Flute, Red Viking and Shammal, proved to be some what of a challenge.

The start was a tame affair compared to the dramas of the previous week. Good Company arrived at the line early and had to bear off to avoid crossing before the start. Shammal made her normal good start to windward of Magic Flute and Red Viking.

The beat down to the first mark proved to be adrenaline pumping stuff as the gusting wind threatened the boats with blow down situations. All managed to survive with Shammal rounding first closely followed by Magic Flute, Red Viking and Good Company.

The next leg of the course was

to Masts which could only be reached by rounding Ras Salmya point. Those members of crew who had managed to sleep through the early part of race were soon shaken awake by the heavy pounding the boats incurred as they encountered the heavy sea at the point.

Shammal lead the way towards Masts but were soon overtaken by Magic Flute who were excelling in the prevailing conditions. The flood tide pushed the fleet north of the mark and it became evident that a tack would be necessary in order to round.

Magic Flute, unaccustomed to leading the fleet, tacked early and managed to turn a 5 minute advantage into a 10 minute deficit at the mark. The more experienced skippers on Shammal and Red Viking had their boats arriving at the mark in close proximity to each other. A short tacking duel was eventually won by Shammal who rounded just ahead of Red Viking.

Shammal quickly had their spinnaker set for the dead run back to West Cardinal. Red Viking, after delaying the hoist to make better sail choice, were soon in hot pursuit.

The run to West Cardinal was accomplished in a lively 40 minutes with Shammal again round-

ing and setting course for the finish line at Bell Buoy just in front of Red Viking. Magic Flute was by now a distant 14 minutes behind in third place.

The fetch to Bell Buoy proved to be the undoing of Shammal. After rounding West Cardinal they had returned the spinnaker for a reach. However, the set of the wind with this sail configuration, meant the course to steer would push them wide of the finish line.

The error was soon realised and the genoa raised in place of the spinnaker but Red Viking, by the simple expedient of steering a more direct course, was able to sneak under the lee of Shammal and eventually finish a minute ahead for a well-deserved victory.

Handicaps corrected results of race SS3: 1. Red Viking 2. Shammal 3. Magic.

Progressive scores, for all declared entries, after the first three races of the Spring Series are: Red Viking 4.75 Shammal 5.75 Magic Flute 6.75 Good Company 13 Whispering 26 Gambit 33 Damat 33 Lemons 33 Topaz 33 Why Not 33.

The next race in the Spring Series is scheduled for February 15 and is a long distance event. Briefing is at 4 pm at the Shaab Marina.



Pleasure boats surround the yachts. (Reuter wirephoto)



Steinlager 2 sails out of Auckland. (Reuter wirephoto)

Yachts head for Uruguay

World race starts again

AUCKLAND, Feb 4 (Reuters): Aucklanders shook off a post Commonwealth Games hangover today to flock to the city's next international sporting event, the round the world yacht race.

Little more than 12 hours after Britain's Queen Elizabeth closed the Game at Mount Smart Stadium, her husband Prince Philip, aboard the New Zealand warship Waikato, started the yachts on the long haul round Cape Horn.

Tens of thousands of spectators flocked to vantage points around the start line and a huge flotilla took to Auckland harbour to escort the 23 yachts as they sailed off on the fourth leg to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Celebrations after the 11-day Games, the biggest in their 50-year history, did little to dampen the amateur "yachting" enthusiasm to see off the professionals working on multi-million dollar budgets.

New Zealanders' enthusiasm for the nine-month race, sponsored by the British brewery Whitebread, is enormous. The New Zealand ketch Steinlager 2 has won every leg so far and fought a neck-and-neck duel with another local ketch, Fisher and Paykel, into Rockland's mouth ago.

"Oh" the "officer" side of town, another exodus was under way. Athletes poured out of the Games village to start journeys home to more than 50 Commonwealth nations on every continent.

Work to dismantle the village will start tomorrow.



The mast of a moored yacht (upper right) entangles and dislodges the mizzen mast of Sweden's 'The Card'. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ponamorenko, Klimova lead

LENINGRAD, USSR, Feb 4 (AP): World champions Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponamorenko are so far ahead in the ice dancing event of the European Figure Skating Championships that only a major disaster can keep them from winning on Saturday.

If they do win, it would be their second straight European crown and six straight ice dance crown for the Soviets.

On Friday, Soviet Viktor Petrenko won the men's final, opening his programme with a difficult jump combination of a triple axel-triple toe loop and adding four more triples later.

It was Petrenko's first gold. He had won bronze medals in the 1988 Olympics and world championships and in the 1988 and 1989 European Championships.

"I was very nervous," the 20-year-old from Odessa said. "Nothing ever done easily."

Although he scaled down a couple of double jumps to singles late in the programme, he made no mistakes, which cost him the title — the third event to be decided at the competition.

Petrenko's victory continued the Soviet domination in the men's event. Led by Aleksandr Fadeev, the Soviets swept the event in 1987 and 1988. Fadeev won in 1989 while Petrenko was injured last year.

But Fadeev, a four-time champion, bowed out of this year's event with a back injury.

"I think that with the quality of my skating tonight, if Fadeev were here I still would have won," Petrenko said.

Karpov defeats computer

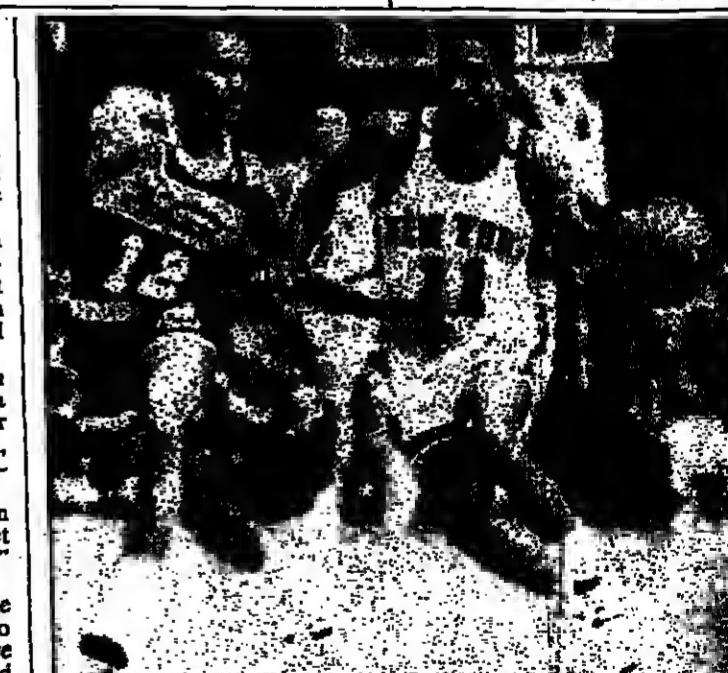
CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Feb 4 (AP): Chess champion Anatoly Karpov proved that man can still outwit machine when he beat supercomputer Deep Thought late on Friday in a hard-fought match that went down to the wire.

With only 90 seconds left to Deep Thought's 12 minutes, Karpov forced the computer to resign in the face of inevitable defeat.

Karpov, the world's No. 2-ranked chess player, made a decisive penetration into Deep Thought's territory with his king after the computer, which can calculate 800,000 moves in a second, made a strategic error.

The match, which lasted nearly two hours, was held in Harvard's Memorial Hall. One member of Deep Thought's crew, Sen-Hsiung Hsu, moved the pieces based on the computer's commands.

Chris Chabris, alumni adviser to the Harvard Chess Club, said Karpov was "very relieved" to have finished the game with his world-class reputation intact.



New York Knicks' Rod Strickland (right) races down the court Indian Pacers' Rickey Green in the NBA game last night. (Reuter wirephoto)

Portland beat Dallas

PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb 4 (AP): Buck Williams matched his season high with 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Jerome Kersey added 23 points as Portland defeated Dallas, the Trail Blazers' 11th straight National Basketball Association (NBA) victory at home.

Dallas, which had a seven-game winning snap at Utah Friday night, suffered another blow when forward Adrian Dantley broke the fibula in his right leg 34 seconds into the game. He is expected to miss six weeks.

The Trail Blazers led 92-79 at the end of three quarters and boosted

their lead to 106-86 early in the period. They went on to expand lead further until the game ended.

Sam Perkins led Dallas with 18 points, and Derek Harper added 14.

Clyde Drexler had 18 points, Terry Porter 17 and Kevin Duckworth 10 for Portland, which trails the Los Angeles Lakers by just a half-game in the Pacific Division.

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Nicklaus not excited about Senior Tour

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Feb 4, (Reuters): Although the Senior PGA Tour is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Jack Nicklaus, the "Golden Bear" is not quite so excited about being eligible to play on the circuit for players 50 and older.

Nicklaus, who turned 50 less than two weeks ago, is playing in the pro-am here this weekend, his first regular PGA Tour since reaching the half-century mark.

"When I feel I am no longer competitive out here then I'll get enthused about the Senior Tour," Nicklaus said before Thursday's first round of the \$1.07 million tournament.

"The Senior Tour is great for a lot of players. It's allowed them to stay in the game. But I've already beaten all those guys."

Nicklaus' pride was kept in check yesterday. Playing in swirling winds, Nicklaus shot a 78 on the famed Pebble Beach Golf Links for a three-day 221 total. He trails leader and defending champion Mark O'Meara by 12 strokes.

Despite his unwillingness to embrace the

Senior Tour, Nicklaus also is a realist. He has 70 career victories and has won more than \$5 million in prize money. But he also has not won on the regular Tour since claiming the 1986 Masters.

"I'm not as competitive as I used to be," said Nicklaus, who will play in a few Senior Tour events this season. "It's a tough grind for a fellow 50 years old."

Nicklaus will make his Senior Tour debut March 29 in Arizona.

■ O'Meara, who was three-strokes off the pace after Friday's round, has a total of seven-under par 209. The winds were so high — approximately 40 miles per hour (64 kph) — O'Meara's 69 was one of the only sub-70 rounds.

Rocco Mediate, also playing cypress, bogeyed the last three holes for a 73 and was alone at six-under par 210.

Payne Stewart, who was tied for the second day lead with Mediate and Bob Gilder, had a two-over-par 74 for a 211 total. Stewart

played at Pebble Beach.

Gilder was a victim of the winds and, playing at cypress trees, shot an 85.

Tom Kite, Kenny Perry and Dave Eichelberger were tied at three-under-par 213. Mark Calavacchia, Johnny Miller, Mark Brooks and Zimbabwe's Nick Price were tied at 214.

■ And in Lake Worth, Fla., Pat Bradley slipped a bit with a two-over-par 74 yesterday, but still held onto a five-stroke lead heading into the final round of the \$300,000 Lake Worth LPGA Classic golf tournament.

Bradley's finished at 11 under par after 54 holes for the lead over Dotie Mochrie, whose 67 jumped her from 19th after play on Friday to the second spot.

Bradley, who shot a 65 on Friday, had three consecutive birdies — on the second, third and fourth holes — for an 11-stroke lead over the pack yesterday. But on the ninth hole, Bradley hit her approach shot into a green-side bunker and took a bogey. She also had bogies on the 11th, 12th, 16th and 17th holes.

Ferguson in more trouble after draw



Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan (left) and Glenn Hysen (centre) close in on Everton's Kevin Sheedy. (Reuter wirephoto)

After yesterday's disappointing 1-1 draw at Old Trafford against their old rivals, the troubled Manchester United manager is likely to be feeling the heat more than ever.

While Liverpool took advantage of the rain that washed out all the top League matches in southern England by beating Everton 2-1 and going three points clear at the top, United had to fight to stay one point clear of the relegation zone.

Aston Villa, behind Liverpool on goal difference with 46 points before yesterday, had their march at Queen's Park Rangers rained off but stayed second with two games in hand.

United have not won in 11 League matches — their worst run since the depressing days of Frank O'Farrell in 1971.

For many fans, the 100th First division Manchester derby was the ideal match to break the deadlock in style — on home ground against a team that needed to be taught a lesson.

The last meeting at City's ground saw Ferguson's expensive line-up thrashed 5-1 and the manager had vowed before the match to "move mountains" to ensure revenge was secured.

"I was as close to putting my head in an oven as I have ever been," he wrote in the programme for yesterday's match.

Strawberry, in the option year of his contract, will be paid \$1.8 million in 1990. Given the recent escalation in salaries, he has been arguing with the Mets over a multi-year extension in which he has demanded \$4 million a year.

Strawberry, 37, was admitted on January 26 and accused of threatening his wife with a gun, was admitted yesterday to an alcohol-treatment programme from the team's Smithers Institute for treatment after flying from California with Mets doctor Allan Lans, a psychiatrist.

The outfielder was arrested on January 26 and accused of threatening his wife, Lisa, with a gun during a domestic quarrel. Although his wife dropped the charges resulting from the quarrel, Strawberry faces a misdeemeanor weapons-possession charge in Los Angeles.

"Our first concern is Darryl's welfare," said Frank Cashen, general manager of the National League team. "We have placed Dr. Lans, who is our employee assistance programme director, at his total disposal."

"My heart goes out to Darryl Strawberry. I'm not even thinking about baseball now, just about his welfare," said Mets manager Dave Johnson, interviewed from Orlando, Florida.

Strawberry, in the option year of his contract, will be paid \$1.8 million in 1990. Given the recent escalation in salaries, he has been arguing with the Mets over a multi-year extension in which he has demanded \$4 million a year.

Last season was an off year for Strawberry. He hit .225 with 27 home runs and 77 runs batted in.

"And I think there would have been plenty of volunteers to turn on the gas had I done so," he added.

He would be well advised to buy an electric oven after yesterday's game, in which his players took only three minutes to squander their painfully earned

70th minute lead.

"We made some unbelievable errors but City didn't cash in," he said later. "We showed a lack of confidence before halftime and we also showed anxiety even when we went 1-0 up."

Clayton Blackmore, whose goal saved United from an

embarrassing draw at Fourth Division Hereford last week in the fourth round of the Football Association (FA) Cup, was again Ferguson's hero when he headed United into the lead.

But Ian Brightwell, who entered the team as a replacement for suspended City

midfielder Peter Reid, rifled a sensational 25-metre volley past keeper Jim Leighton to the equaliser.

"Peter Reid has never hit a shot like that in his life yet Brightwell comes in as his replacement and does it against us. It was an incredible goal," Ferguson said sadly.

Liverpool's win was their 14th consecutive match without a defeat but Evertto manager Colio Harvey felt his team, beaten 3-1 in the previous Merseyside derby, was cheated.

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New Zealand's favourite son achieves the impossible

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 4. (Reuter): The chant has been part of New Zealand cricket for the past 13 years.

It starts quietly, then rises in volume and energy as it goes, inciting figure makes a grand entry sideways shuffle and swings to an easy run-up.

"Had-lee, Had-lee" comes the cry from Lancaster Park's sun-drenched terraces as Canterbury's favourite son whips his right arm over in that perfectly controlled action which has become part of New Zealand folklore.

The chant became a roar today when

Richard Hadlee spearaded a delivery through Indian Sanjay Manjrekar's hastily constructed forward defensive shot to become the first man to take 400 Test wickets.

Play was suspended for several minutes as Hadlee's colleagues surrounded the great bowler and the crowd stood to applaud. He was presented with flowers and Indian manager Bishen Bedi came on to the field to offer his personal congratulations.

Seven years after his Test debut, a year after his last international and 10 weeks after an operation on a damaged Achilles tendon, Hadlee achieved what had once been

thought impossible.

Twenty-six years ago England's Freddie Trueman made cricketing history with his 500th Test wicket and a memorable quote.

Will anybody break his record, the extrovert Yorkshireman was asked: "Wherever it is will be bloody tired," Trueman replied.

Trueman's comment if he had been asked about the possibility of a New Zealander taking 400 Test wickets would probably have been unprintable.

In those days New Zealand were very

much the poor relations of international cricket, a side who served mainly to improve their opponents' batting and bowling averages.

The face of international cricket changed in the 1980s and New Zealand's record over the decade was inferior only to the all-conquering West Indies.

Their spearhead was inevitably Hadlee.

A raw, erratic teenager when he entered Test cricket in 1973, Hadlee's early development was slow.

He was left out of the Test side as often as he was included and it was not until 1976 when he ran through the Indians at Wellington

ton's Basin Reserve that he could be sure of his place.

In the following year he took on the Australians and their great fast bowler Dennis Lillee single-handed with both bat and ball at Auckland's Eden Park.

The credit responded with the chant "Had-lee Had-lee" which was quickly adopted throughout the country.

English county cricket was responsible for Hadlee's development into the finest pace bowler of his age and a left-handed bat capable of scoring two Test centuries.

He cut back his run and, while retaining

his ability to bowl a genuinely quick delivery, based his attack on movement off the pitch.

Perhaps his finest performance came in the first Test against Australia in 1985 when he took nine wickets in an innings and 15 in the match.

That performance encapsulated the Hadlee style.

For hour after hour he relentlessly probed the Australian batsmen's weakness, varying his pace, moving the ball off the seam and bowling the occasional wicked bouncer.

A perfectionist in everything he does, Hadlee has had his share of physical and

mental torment.

He suffered a nervous breakdown in 1984 and his chances of ever playing cricket again after his recent operation were rated as only moderate.

Called in to the first Test side because of an injury to Willie Watson, Hadlee responded by taking the first three Indian wickets yesterday to take his total to 399.

He had to wait until this afternoon to take the elusive 400th victim but the faithful at Lancaster Park were not impatient.

"Had-lee, Had-lee," they chanted. At the age of 38, Richard Hadlee was back.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Match abandoned

SYDNEY, Feb 4. (Reuter): Day two of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan was abandoned by match umpires due to heavy rain today. The opening day of play was also abandoned.

Sports boycott

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Feb 4. (AP): The bold political concessions announced by President F.W. De Klerk will provide a major boost for efforts to end the sports boycott of South Africa, prominent sports administrators said yesterday.

Chance wasted

SEVILLE, Spain, Feb 4. (Reuter): Atletico Madrid squandered a chance to close the gap on city rivals Real at the top of the Spanish soccer First Division when they succumbed 2-1 away to Sevilla yesterday.

Games places

STOCKHOLM, Feb 4. (Reuter): The European Football Union (UEFA) has announced the qualifying groups for the European Under-21 Championship and said four places in the 1992 Olympic Games soccer tournament would also be at stake.

Balloon triumph

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb 4. (AP): French Olympic gold medalist Bruno Blum won his third consecutive 500-metre world cup race and also captured the 1500-metre sprint as the Mizuno World Cup Speed Skating Championships got under way yesterday at the Olympic Oval.

Bateman dies

EAST AMWELL, New Jersey, Feb 4. (AP): Raymond H. Bateman Jr., a member of two US Olympic teams and a four-time national luger double champion, collapsed and died during a squash match on Thursday. He was 34.

US team

BUDAPEST, Feb 4. (UPI): The US national soccer team will visit Budapest Mar 20 for an exhibition match against a Hungarian selection, the official state news agency, MTVA, said yesterday.

Exhibition match

PRAGUE, Feb 4. (UPI): World Tennis No 1 Ivan Lendl will play an exhibition match against Milosav Meicir later this month to help a local children's hospital located near his parent's home, the official Czechoslovakian state news agency, CTK, said yesterday.

£150,000 transfer

NEWCASTLE, England, Feb 4. (UPI): Second Division soccer club Newcastle United are close to completing the £150,000 (\$250,000) transfer of its Brazilian striker Mirandinha back to his former club Palmeiras, it was announced yesterday.

Swindon officials

LONDON, Feb 4. (UPI): Swindon town chairman Brian Hillier and former manager Lou Macari will face a Football Association disciplinary hearing Feb 12 to answer charges of unauthorised betting, the FA announced yesterday.

McAvennie fined

LONDON, Feb 4. (UPI): Second Division West Ham United has fined its striker Frank McAvennie two weeks wages following an alleged incident involving the club's commercial manager Brian Blower, the club announced yesterday.

Kiwis gain whiff of win

India follow on 295 behind



Richard Hadlee

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 4. (Reuter): New Zealand gained enough ground to get a strong whiff of victory on the third day of the first cricket Test against India today.

New Zealand pace bowler Richard Hadlee became the first bowler in Test history to take 400 wickets, but New Zealand had more to celebrate at Lancaster Park than his personal achievement.

With Danny Morrison taking five wickets in a spell of six overs, New Zealand bowled out India for only 164 and making them follow on 295 behind, had reduced them to 210 for five in the second.

In effect, India, who need another 85 runs to make New Zealand bat, are six wickets down for Navjot Singh Sidhu, who made a brave 51 in their first innings, has fractured a knuckle in his right hand and will not be able to bat.

Before the Indian first innings began to disintegrate their overnight partnership of Sidhu and night watchman Venkatapathy Raju added 46 off only 13 overs in the first hour and looked to be in no trouble.

But the dismissal of the

injured Sidhu, who struck a ball from Morrison, triggered off the collapse. Resistance now came only from Venkatapathy Raju, who was last out for 31, having batted for 133 minutes.

India started promisingly in their second innings, with W. V. Raman and Manoj Prabhakar, pitchforked into the opening opposition in Sidhu's absence, putting up 80 for the first wicket.

At that point, Martin Shadlen produced a sharp off cutter to bowl Prabhakar.

The stage was now set for Hadlee to complete hisfeat.

This Hadlee did by rattling Sanjay Manjrekar's offstump, only five minutes later.

Bouquets of flowers were presented to Hadlee on the field and the crowd gave him a standing ovation that lasted at least three minutes.

India's captain Mohammed Azharuddin shook Hadlee's hand as he walked in to bat next and India's current manager Bishen Bedi, himself an accomplished bowler, went out to offer his congratulations.

Raman had not looked very convincing at the start of the innings but he stayed undefeated at the end with 85, including 10 fours and a six.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 459 (J. Wright 185, K. Rutherford 69, A. Jones 52)

INDIA first innings (overnight 87 for three)

W. Raman lbw b Hadlee 0

N. Sidhu lbw b Morrison 51

S. Manjrekar lbw b Hadlee 1

S. Venkatapathy Raju c Crowe b Shadlen 31

S. Tendulkar c Smith b Morrison 0

M. Prabhakar c Smith b Shadlen 0

K. More c Smith b Morrison 4

A. Wasim c Smith b Morrison 2

N. Hirwan not out 1

Extras (b-5, lb-5, nb-10) 20

Total 164

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-27, 3-88,

4-146, 5-148, 6-148, 7-153, 8-158, 9-161

Bowling: Hadlee 14-1-45-3, Morrison 16-2-75-5, Bracewell 3-0-14-0, Shadlen 12-5-4-20-2.

INDIA second innings

W. Raman not out 85

M. Prabhakar b Shadlen 40

S. Manjrekar b Hadlee 4

M. Azharuddin b Bracewell 30

K. More b Hadlee 11

S. Tendulkar c Smith b Bracewell 24

Kapil Dev not out 4

Extras (b-2, lb-2, nb-10) 12

Total (for five wickets) 210

Fall of wickets: 1-80, 2-85, 3-135, 4-160, 5-206.

Bowling: Hadlee 13-0-38-2, Morrison 12-0-67-0, Shadlen 19-4-46-1, Rutherford 5-0-21-0, Bracewell 15-3-36-2.

Stewart hits fine ton

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, Feb 4. (Reuter): Alec Stewart struck a superb 125 to help England to a big first innings total of 444 for six declared in the opening match of their West Indies cricket tour against the Leeward Islands yesterday.

Two hours battling before stumps on the second day of their four-day match, the Red Stripe Cup champions replied with 138 for three.

Richie Richardson blazed a brilliant unbeaten 81 to follow his 125 on the same ground last month against Guyana and is now averaging over 100 in his eight first-class innings this season.

Stewart, 65 overnight out of 245 for two, reached his hundred in his first first-class innings for England 25 minutes before lunch and did not play a false stroke until he swept the off-spin of Noel Guishard straight to square leg not long after the interval.

He had batted with unflagging concentration for six and a quarter hours and faced 308 balls, hitting 14 fours.

Although the wicket was a placid one and the Leewards were without their opening bowlers — the two Benjamins (Kenneth and Winston) did not take the field owing to injury — Stewart should have booked the number three berth for the first Test. His third-wicket stand with Robin

Smith raised 144 in 57 overs, Smith in fine form and his 71 included four fours and a six.

Stewart's main rival for the Test spot, Rob Bailey, made only a single before he pushed half-forward to the lively Hamish Anthony and was adjusted lbw.

Nasser Hussain struggled early on but became more confident, scoring 41 from 75 balls.

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Remarkably, the Leewards bowled 74 overs of spin out of 166, although this was partly self-inflicted, yet very occasionally did their seamers get any life from an easy-paced wicket.

England captain Graham Gooch made a positive declaration at tea when he could have opted for more bat practice.

The decision was justified when England took three Leeward Islands wickets in the first 19 overs.

Stewart Williams played on to Gladstone Small in the fourth over and, although the 50 was posted in

the 11th over thanks to some dazzling strokeplay by Richardson,

Small removed Ricky Bassie in the next over when he played across and was lbw.

DeFreitas, who was pulled for four and six by Richardson in his first over, was trapped by Keith Arthurton lbw, also playing across.

But Richardson then crashed

Keith Medlycott twice for four in his first over to reach his 50 in only 52 balls, having hit 10 hours and a six.

Richardson and Ottowice hammered the England attack at the end of the day, putting on 66 to just over 10 overs.

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Sports Editors

Guernsey Open

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey, Feb 4. (Reuters): World number one Susan Devoy of New Zealand was to face England's Lisa Opie in Sunday's final of the Guernsey Open women's squash championship after a tough semifinal victory yesterday. Devoy fought her way to a 38-minute 4-9-9-10-9-9-1 victory over Australian Danielle Drady, ranked fourth in the world, holding firm when Drady served four times for the third game. Opie took just 30 minutes to dispose of world champion and fellow Guernsey native Martine le Moignan 9-4-9-9-3.

World record

MOSCOW, Feb 4. (Reuters): Lyudmila Narozhnenko of the Soviet Union set an indoor world record in the 60 metres hurdles of 7.71 seconds today. Tass news agency said Narozhnenko's mark at the Soviet Athletics Championships in the Urals city of Chelyabinsk beat the previous record of 7.73 set by Cornelia Oschmann of East Germany in Vienna on Feb 25 last year.

Onikoube Cup

TOKYO, Feb 4. (AP): Austria's Werner Horzog outdistanced Sweden's Anders Frost in the Giant Slalom final today and won the 6-million-yen (\$42,000) Onikoube Cup, seventh leg of the dual slalom ski meets on Japan's professional circuit.

Halsall triumphs

PARIS, Feb 4. (AP): Dano Halsall of Switzerland was off like a cannon in the men's 50-metre freestyle race at the Paris international swimming meet yesterday and held on to defeat the highly rated Americans duo of Matt Biondi and Tom Jager.

Hoeflechner wins

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy, Feb 4. (AP): Helmut Hoeflechner of Austria declared himself the world's top downhill skier after winning his third World Cup race in nine days today in the fastest and most spectacular of the six disciplines. "I feel like I am the No. 1 downhillier in the world, and I feel great," said the 30-year-old Hoeflechner after edging Arne Staaford of Norway and Franz Heinzer of Switzerland by 0.20 seconds.

French soccer

PARIS, Feb 4. (Reuters): French First Division soccer results today:

Brest	1	Monaco	1
Caen	1	Nantes	0
Lille	2	PSG	0
Montpellier	1	Angers	1
Montpellier	1	Montpellier	1
Nice	1	Marseille	1
Racing Paris	3	Amiens	1
Sociedad	1	Lyon	0
St Etienne	1	Bordeaux	1
Toulouse	0	Toulouse	0

Italian soccer

ROME, Feb 4. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today:

Atlanta	2	Sampdoria	1
Bari	1	Juventus	1
Cesena	0	Roma	3
Fiorentina	2	AC Milan	3
Genoa	0	Bologna	0
Inter	1	Ascoli	0
Parma	0	Verona	0
Napoli	3	Cremonese	0
Udinese	3	Lecce	1

British soccer

LONDON, Feb 4. (Reuters): Results of English league soccer matches played today:

Divide One	4	Norwich	0
Tottenham	4	Divide Two	0
Newcastle	1	Sunderland	1
Swindon	3	Leeds	2

Marathon race

OTTA, Japan, Feb 4. (AP): Poland's Boguslawa Pajek pulled ahead in the last 500 metres today and won the 39th Beppu-Oita marathon by four seconds.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club games played on Saturday: N/S

1. Aurora & Jaggi	2. Nahil Akel & Drexler
3. Bianca & Ahmed Tawfi	E/W
1. Capti Salman Ali & George	2. Lollo Murhwala & Dona Materny
3. Banerji & A. Shah	

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The 22-year-old came under fire from businessmen who said his withdrawal last week was an insult to the sport's sponsor.

"Is Germany really just Becker? What other conclusion are you supposed to come to? What do they want from me?" he said.

"What's going on is they are systematically putting a person in their pockets. And I'm going to defend myself against that ... I belong to no-one."

In Carlsbad, Calif., Davis Cup rookies Rick Leach and Jim Pugh provided the United States with an unbeatable 3-0 lead in their Davis Cup world group tie against Mexico yesterday with a doubles victory that put the Americans into the quarterfinals against Czechoslovakia.

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"She (Sanchez) does not have the power to hit the ball. She's a player who can play very well on clay courts. But if somebody plays fast she doesn't really have a chance to do anything," said Graf.

It was the second of two day-night cricket matches between the two teams.

Sri Lanka won the first on Friday but in today's game, struggling to field 11 fit men, they flew in little-known Nilanthi Ratnayake from local cricket in Melbourne. Sri Lanka could out, however, name 12th man.

Scoreboard

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
M. McPhee run out.....

D. Ramshaw c D. Ranatunga.....

Remanayake.....

G. Wood not out.....

J. Brayshaw b Asoka de Silva.....

T. Zoehrer c Gammie b Asoka de Silva.....

W. Andrews b Asoka de Silva.....

B. Julian c N. Ratnayake.....

K. Mailey not out.....

Extras (b-1, lb-7, w-6, nb-2).....

Total (six wickets) 8-168 overs).....

Falintwicketz 1-48, 2-133, 3-169, 4-179, 5-182, 6-197.

Bowling: Rumesha 10-1-34-0, Nilanthi 8-0-43-1, Champaka 8-0-43-0, Arjuna Ranatunga 10-0-45-3, Gurusingha 1-11-0.

SRI LANKA
A. Samarakkera c Wood b Mullaly.....

H. Tilkeratne c MacLeay.....

b Matthews.....

A. Gurusingha run out.....

Aravinda da Silva run out.....

S. Ranatunga b Wood.....

S. Jayasuriya run out.....

D. Ranatunga c Zoher b MacLeay.....

Asoka de Silva c and b Julian.....

Champaka Ratnayake b Julian.....

b MacLeay.....

Nilanthi Ratnayake not out.....

Extras (b-6, w-7, 4-nb).....

Total (40-4 overs).....

Fall of wickets -0, 2-43, 3-48, 4-54.

Bowling: Julian 10-1-25-2, MacLeay 1-57, 6-81, 7-106, 8-109, 9-142.